

## **Soul Matters Theme: The Gift of Transformation**

“Go forth into the busy world and love it. Interest yourself in its life, mingle kindly with its joys and sorrows. ”

—Ralph Waldo Emerson, few words of bio, (year born - year died)

## **Order of Service for March 10, 2024**

### **Braving Being**

Officiating: Chad Snyder

Worship Associate: name

Pianist: name

Storyteller: Director of Children’s Faith Development Macey Forsyth

Greeters: name

Worship Tech: Kat Clements

Sound Assistant: name

Hearing Assist: name

Nursery: Staff member name and volunteer name

Children’s Chapel: names

Hospitality: names

**Opening Slideshow:** To “Come Whoever You Are” by The Love Keys

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### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Singing Bowl**

### **Chalice Lighting**

If you are viewing through Zoom, please type into the Chat that a chalice is lit on [your street]:

*We are a welcoming people of diverse beliefs who commit to nourish the spirit, broaden the mind, nurture the earth, and build community. May this flame we kindle remind us to strive, today and every day, to love beyond belief.*

### **Call to Worship**

“Rumi Adaptation” by Leslie Takahashi

**Opening Hymn #94, “What Is This Life?”** (words by name, and music by name)

**Story**

*title* by author name and illustrator name

**Singing the Children Out**

**Joys and Sorrows**

**Singing Prayer:** To the tune of **#1002** (teal hymnal) by Mimi Borstein.

**Offertory**

**Readings:** “Divine Canine” by Monks of New Skete and “Nothing is Closed” by Matt Haig

**Hymn #1008, “When Our Heart Is In A Holy Place”** (words by name, and music by name)

**Sermon “Braving Being”**

**Hymn #108, “My Life Flows On In Endless Song”** (words by name, and music by name)

**Chalice Extinguishing**

*We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth, the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment. These we carry in our hearts until we are together again. (Elizabeth Selle Jones)*

**Benediction**

**Singing Benediction:** “Longtime Sun” the final three minutes of “A Very Cellular Song” written by Mike Heron and performed by The Incredible String Band on their 1968 album *The Hangman’s Beautiful Daughter*.

*May the longtime sun shine upon you  
All love surround you  
And the pure pure light that’s within you  
Guide your way home.*

**Zoom participants:** Please feel free to stay online for a time of gathering to meet, talk, and connect. (If the group online is large enough, we will invite you to join breakout rooms for small group connection.)

**In-person participants:** Please stay for the refreshments and conversation in the Fellowship Hall on the lower level following the worship service.