

Soul Matters Monthly Theme: What does it mean to be a Community of Wonder?

**Now I've heard there was a secret chord/That David played, and it pleased the Lord
But you don't really care for music, do you?**

It goes like this

The fourth, the fifth/The minor fall, the major lift

The baffled king composing Hallelujah

—Leonard Cohen (1934-2016), a White Canadian singer-songwriter, poet, novelist, and composer of “Hallelujah”

Order of Service for December 11, 2022: Hallelujah

Rev. Rita Capezzi, Officiating

Liz Kipp, Worship Associate

Director of Children’s Faith Development Macey Forsyth, Storyteller

Nancy Cramblit and Members of the Bayer Hrdlicka Family, Musicians

Kathryn Vonderharr and Linda Ganske, Greeters

Kat Clements and Jeff Lowry, Tech Squad

Dennis Cramblit, Hearing Assist

Diane Dobitz and Rebecca Larrabee, Hospitality

Korinne Spicer, Nursery

Macey Forsyth and Danielle Stedman, Children’s Chapel

Barb Franchino and Deb Fitzloff, Youth Group

Announcements Slideshow to “Hallelujah” performed by Rufus Wainwright (b. 1973), a White Canadian singer, songwriter, and composer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7iDfvogOhD8>

Greetings from the Whole Congregation (everyone on Zoom is invited to unmute)

Let’s all make a joyful noise!

Welcome and Announcements

Bell Chime

Chalice Lighting: For those attending by 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.

Opening Words: What is Musical Lectio Divina?

Music: “Hallelujah” performed by Members of the Bayer Hrdlicka Family

Story: *Maybe* (2019) written by Kobi Yamada, a New York Times best-selling author and the CEO of Compendium (a company of amazing people doing amazing things), and illustrated by Gabrielle Barouch, an award winning illustrator, visual explorer, designer toys & art collector <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wogWyXhHxHo>

Music: “Hallelujah” performed by Members of the Bayer Hrdlicka Family

Sending the Young Ones to Faith Development Activities

Hymn: #352 "Find a Stillness" (gray hymnal), words by Carl Seaburg to a Transylvanian hymn tune.

Reading: From Rev. Rita, inspired by excerpts from Alan Light's 2012 book *The Holy or the Broken*

Music: "Hallelujah" performed by Leonard Cohen <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ttEMYvpoR-k>

Prayer/Meditation: Words by Rev. Rita inspired by Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah"

Music: "Hallelujah" performed by Nancy Cramblit

Sorrows and Joys

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

Comfort me, share my joy/ Comfort me, Oh my soul. (2x)

Reading: From Rev. Rita, inspired by excerpts from Alan Light's 2012 book *The Holy or the Broken*

Giving to "Alleluia" by Randall Thompson; performed by St Jacob's Chamber Choir of Stockholm, Sweden conducted by Gary Garden in the Basilica di San Pietro in Perugia, Italy in 2016

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mz9pijkyR8A>

Reading: From Rev. Rita, inspired by excerpts from Alan Light's 2012 book *The Holy or the Broken*

Music: "Hallelujah" performed by John Cale, a White Welsh musician, composer, singer, songwriter, record producer, and founding member of the American rock band the Velvet Underground

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DinEKqtCDkg>

Closing Words: The Holy and the Broken Hallelujah

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.

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 long time sun shine upon you/All love surround you

And the pure, pure light that's within you/ Guide your way home (2x)

Postlude: "Hallelujah" performed by Albert the Fish (with Helen Lowry on vocals)

<https://soundcloud.com/albert-the-fish-1/hallelujah-cover>

In-person: Hospitality in the Fellowship Hall on the lower level of the Fellowship building. Zero Waste Mankato will provide a presentation for us

On Zoom: A time for gathering to meet, talk, and connect.