

Soul Matters Theme: The Gift of Mystery

"We have all known the long loneliness and we have learned that the only solution is love and that love comes with community."

—Dorothy Day, Catholic social activist and journalist (1897-1980)

Order of Service December 10, 2023: Love is on the Way

Officiating: Rev. Diana McLean

Worship Associate: Tony Filipovich

Pianist: Shay MacKay

Storyteller: Director of Children's Faith Development Macey Forsyth

Greeters: Diane Dobitz

Tech Squad:

Hearing Assist: Dennis Cramblit

Nursery: Barb Franchino

Children's Chapel: Danielle Stedman

Hospitality: Nancy and Dennis Cramblit

Opening Slideshow: To "Make a Wave" by Demi Lovato and Joe Jonas

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Welcome and Announcements

Bell Chime

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 - Rev. Diana

"Determined Seed" by Laura Wallace

Opening Hymn #131, “Love Will Guide Us” (words by Sally Rogers; music traditional, arranged by Betty A. Wylder) sorry guys I have to go grab my hand in lyricist and composers

Story

Be Kind, written by Pat Zietlow Miller, illustrated by Jen Hill

Singing the Children Out

Joys and Sorrows

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

Offertory

Reading 1: “A Blessing Called Sanctuary” by Jan Richardson

Reading 2: “Holiday Shopping” by Shay MacKay

Hymn #226 “People, Look East” (words by Eleanor Farjeon; tune is a traditional French carol)

Sermon “Love is on the Way”

Closing Hymn #1029 “Love Knocks and Waits for Us to Hear” (words and music by Daniel Charles Damon)

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 Break Out Rooms: A time for gathering to meet, talk, and connect. Please accept the invitation to join a room.

In-person Hospitality in the Fellowship Hall on the lower level.