

**Soul Matters Theme:** The Gift of Justice and Equity

“Sometimes, it seems like to tell the truth today is to run the risk of being killed. But if I fall, I’ll fall five feet four inches forward in the fight for freedom. I’m not backing off.”

—Fannie Lou Hamer, Civil Rights leader (1917-1977)

**Order of Service February 4, 2024**

**On Holy Ground: A Civil Rights Pilgrimage**

Officiating: Rev. Diana McLean

Worship Associate: Diane Dobitz

Pianist: Shay MacKay

Storyteller: Director of Children’s Faith Development Macey Forsyth (by video)

Greeters: Linda Ganske

Worship Tech: Kat Clements

Sound Assistant:

Hearing Assist:

Nursery: Staff members Alex Cienciwa and Linden Anthony

Children’s Chapel: Deb Fitzloff

Hospitality: Diane Dobitz, and Alicia Bayer and family

**Opening Slideshow:** To “Freedom Road” by Reggie Harris

<https://youtu.be/FVzX8vxn2YU?si=oTCmO3eejwvUfq-H>

**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 - Rev. Diana**

“The Heart of Our Faith” by Monica Jacobson-Tennessee

**Opening Hymn #153, “Oh, I Woke Up This Morning”** (likely African American spiritual, adapted by Freedom Singers in the Civil Rights movement)

### **Story**

*We March*, by Shane W. Evans

### **Singing the Children Out**

### **Joys and Sorrows**

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

### **Offertory**

### **Reading**

**Hymn #348 “Guide My Feet”** (African American Spiritual)

**Sermon** “On Holy Ground: A Civil Rights Pilgrimage”

**Song: One Foot/Lead with Love by Melanie DeMore (video)**

### **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:** Please stay on for the midyear congregational meeting.

**In-person Hospitality** in the Fellowship Hall on the lower level following the midyear congregational meeting.