

Soul Matters Theme: The Gift of Justice and Equity

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”

—Eleanor Roosevelt, American diplomat, activist, and First Lady (1884 - 1962)

Order of Service February 18, 2024

Our Promise Finds Fulfillment

Officiating: Rev. Diana McLean

Worship Associate: Diane Dobitz

Pianist: Shay MacKay

Storyteller: Director of Children’s Faith Development Macey Forsyth

Greeters: Dick and Tricia Nienow

Worship Tech: Kat Clements

Sound Assistant:

Hearing Assist:

Nursery: Staff member Alex Cienciwa

Children’s Chapel: Deb Fitzloff

Luncheon: Lee Ganske **and team**

Opening Slideshow: To “Resilient” by Rising Appalachia

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tx17RvPMaQ8>

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

“Come, Gather Light to Build” by Kiakiali Bordner

Opening Hymn #155, “Circle ‘Round for Freedom” (words and music by Linda Hirschhorn)

Story

What We’ll Build, by Oliver Jeffers

Singing the Children Out

Joys and Sorrows

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

Offertory

Responsive Reading “We Travel This Road Together” by Tess Baumberger
Congregational response line: “We travel this road together.”

Hymn #1028 “The Fire of Commitment” (by Jason Shelton and Mary Katherine Morn)

Sermon “Our Promise Finds Fulfillment”

Hymn #112, “Do You Hear?” (words by Emily Thorn, music by William Caldwell)

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 luncheon in the Fellowship Hall on the lower level following the worship service.