

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

“Were it not for the way you taught me to look
at the world, to see the life at play in everything,
I would have to be lonely forever”

Ted Kooser, from the poem “Mother”

Order of Service for April 2, 2023: Poetry of Resistance

Susan Stevens Chambers, Officiating

Diane Langland, Worship Associate

Nancy Cramblit, Piano

Director of Children’s Faith Development Macy Forsyth, Storyteller

Jim and Connie Rovney, Greeters

Andy Roberts and Kat Clements, Tech Squad

Dennis Cramblit, Hearing Assist

Keri Johnson, Nursery

CFD Danielle Steadman

Hospitality Diane Dobitz

Announcements Slideshow To

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.

Hymn: # 354 We Laugh, We Cry

Reading: *The Scouting Report For the Only Black Boy on the Soccer Team* by Hanif Abdurraqib

Story: What Would You Do With a Chance? written by Kobi Yamada, illustrated by Mae Besom

Sending the Young Ones to Faith Development Activities

Prayer/Meditation: “Prayer” by Mary Oliver

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)

Giving/Offertory: Sancta Dorothea by Franz Liszt *Nancy Cramblit, piano*

Reading: William Stafford, from his books *Writing the Australian Crawl* and *You Must Revise Your Life*

Sermon Poetry of Resistance Sue Chambers

Hymn: #123 Spirit of Life

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)*

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

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