

Order of Service April 28, 2024

Reaching Out in Love and Justice

April Soul Matters Theme: The Gift of Interdependence

Officiating: Rev. Diana McLean

Worship Associate: Linda Ganske

Pianist: Shay MacKay

Storyteller: Director of Children's Faith Development Macey Forsyth

Prelude/Opening Slideshow

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], and join in saying these words:

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

"Call to Worship and Action" by Sharon Wylie

Opening Hymn #389, "Gathered Here" (words and music by Philip A. Porter)

Story

The Wild by author and illustrator Yuval Zommer

Singing the Children Out

Joys and Sorrows

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Meditation

Singing Prayer: To the tune of #1002 (words and music by Mimi Bornstein-Doble, adapted)

Offertory

Reading from Emergent Strategy: Shaping Change, Changing Worlds by adrienne maree brown

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

Sermon

Choir Anthem “Navajo Prayer” (words by Kabir, music by Jody Healy)

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 refreshments and conversation in the Fellowship Hall on the lower level following the worship service.