

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

“The most subversive people are those who ask questions.”

— Jostein Gaarder (b. 1952), from his novel *Sophie's World* (1991)

Order of Service for October 23, 2022: The Courage to Ask—A Question Box Service

Rev. Rita Capezzi, Answering

Diane Dobitz, Worship Associate

Director of Children’s Faith Development Macey Forsyth, Storyteller

Bob Finley and Liz Kipp, Greeters

Todd Schweim and Jeff Lowry, Tech Squad

Dennis Cramblit, Hearing Assist

Linda Ganske and Kathryn Vonderharr, Hospitality

Announcements Slideshow To “Who” (2012) by White American musicians David Byrne (b. 1952) and

St. Vincent, aka Annie Clark (b. 1982) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hpPYKJAnwUo>

Greetings from the Whole Congregation (everyone on Zoom is invited to unmute)

Let’s all make a joyful noise!

Bell Chime

Welcome and Announcements

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: #145 “As Tranquil Streams” (gray hymnal), words by Marion Franklin Ham and

to the tune of *Musicalishes Hand-buch* (1690)

Reading: “They say doubt everything, but I disagree . . .” by game designers Tom Jubert & Jonas Kyratzes

Story: *Abdul’s Story* (2022) with words by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow, a Black Philadelphia-based

educator and children’s book author, and illustrated by Tiffany Rose, Black teacher, world

traveler and left-handed illustrator. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ADF1EW4Zvds>

Singing the Young Ones to Children’s Chapel

Prayer/Meditation: Adapted from “There is a Quiet Courage,” by the Rev. Gretchen Haley,

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 to “Hallelujah” by Leonard Cohen (1934-2016), a White Canadian singer-songwriter, poet, and

novelist.

Questions and Answers (such as they are in this moment)

Hymn: #354 “We Laugh, We Cry,” verses 1 and 4 (gray hymnal), words and music by Shelley Jackson Denham

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.

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 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 of the Fellowship building.

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