

Soul Matters Theme: The Gift of Liberating Love

“Generosity is the most natural outward expression of an inner attitude of compassion and loving-kindness.”

—His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, Lama Tenzin Gyatso, Tibetan leader (1935-present)

Order of Service January 28, 2024: The Fire of Commitment

Officiating: Rev. Diana McLean

Worship Associate: Diane Langland

Pianist: Shay MacKay

Storyteller: Director of Children’s Faith Development Macey Forsyth

Greeters: Diane Dobitz

Tech Squad:

Hearing Assist:

Nursery: Staff member Linden Anthony and volunteer Keri Johnson

Children’s Chapel: Director of CFD Macey Forsyth and volunteer Barb Franchino

Hospitality: Lee Ganske and team

Opening Slideshow: To “We Will” by Ann Reed

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Welcome and Announcements

Bell Chime

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

“Call to Worship for Stewardship Sunday” by Leslie Takahashi

Opening Hymn #361, “Enter, Rejoice, and Come In” (by Louise Ruspini)

Story

Thank You, Omu, written and illustrated by Oge Mora

Singing the Children Out

Joys and Sorrows

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

Offertory

Testimonial

Musical Interlude

Sermon “The Fire of Commitment”

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

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.