

Order of Service May 5, 2024

The Paths That Brought Us Here

April Soul Matters Theme: The Gift of Interdependence

Officiating: Rev. Diana McLean and Rev. Shay MacKay

Pianist: Shay MacKay

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

“Where the Map Begins” by Jan Richardson

Opening Hymn #1003, “Where Do We Come From?” (words by Paul Gaugin and Brian Tate, music by Brian Tate)

Story

Adapted from *God’s Hat* by Christopher Buice

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

Sermon

Hymn #318, “We Would Be One” (words by Samuel Anthony Wright, music by Jean Sibelius)

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 stay online for our annual congregational meeting.

In-person participants: Please stay for the annual congregational meeting, followed by a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall on the lower level.