

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

**“When you look deeply into your anger, you will see that the person you call your enemy is also suffering. As soon as you see that, the capacity of accepting and having compassion for them is there.”**

–Thich Nhat Hanh (1926-2022), a Vietnamese Thiền Buddhist monk, peace activist, prolific author, poet, teacher, and founder of the Plum Village Tradition, historically recognized as the main inspiration for engaged Buddhism.

**Order of Service for September 18, 2022:** Peace in Our Time

Rev. Rita Capezzi, Preaching  
Diane Dobitz, Worship Associate  
Kathryn and Jim Vonderharr, Greeters  
Mark Spangler and Andy Roberts, Tech Squad  
Cathi Fouchi, Hearing Assist  
Linda Ganske, Hospitality

**Opening Slideshow:** To “Home” by Phillip Phillips (b. 1990), a White American singer-songwriter  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6bajPDqZU5c>

**Greetings from the Whole Congregation** (everyone on Zoom is invited to unmute)  
Let’s all make a joyful noise!

**Bell Chime**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**History Slideshow**

**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: #155** “Circle ‘Round for Freedom” (3x) (gray hymnal), words and music by Linda Hirschhorn.  
Sung by the Oakland Chancel Choir. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TAqh9IdA5XY>

**Re-Dedication of the Peace Pole**

**Story:** *I am Peace*, written by Susan Verde and illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds. Read by Macey Forsyth, Director of Children’s Faith Development <https://youtu.be/hXA3837uv3w>

**Meditation/Prayer:** “The Light Inside You” by the Colleen M. McDonald

**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 “Is This the World We Created?” words and music by Freddie Mercury and Brian May.  
Performed by Queen. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wIIXY322K7Q>

**Reading:** “We Come with a Dream” by the 2018 Soul Matters Team

**Homily:** Peace Within and Without

**Blessing of the Backpacks**

**Hymn: #168** “One More Step” (gray hymnal), words and music by Joyce Poley. Sung by Michael Tacy.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IJMzFcBwAeE>

**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 of the Fellowship building.**

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