

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

**“Where you belong is where you choose to constantly choose to show up.”**

--Karina Antonopoulos, Life Coach in Upstate NY

**Order of Service for September 25, 2022:** Listening and Storytelling

Rev. Rita Capezzi, Preaching

Sue Chambers, Worship Associate

Director of Children’s Faith Development Macey Forsyth, Storyteller

Nancy Cramblit, Pianist

Cathi Fouchi and Ken Davey, Greeters

Todd Schweim and Jeff Lowry, Tech Squad

Dennis Cramblit, Hearing Assist

Nancy Blethen and Sue Wiltgen, Hospitality

**Opening Slideshow:** To “Don’t Be Shy” (1999) word and music by Islam Yusef, a British singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist known also as Cat Stevens (b. 1948)

**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: #1000** “Morning Has Come” (teal hymnal), words and music by Jason Shelton. For the hymn words, click <https://farfringe.com/stj1000-morning-has-come/>

**Reading:** “We Belong to Each Other” by the Rev. Gretchen Haley, a White, Queer minister serving the Foothills Unitarian Church in Ft. Collins, CO

**Story:** *Chrysanthemum*, words and illustrations by Kevin Henkes (b. 1960), a White American writer and illustrator of children's books

**Singing the Young Ones to Children’s Chapel**

**Meditation/Prayer:** “Know You are Not Alone and Discover the Way Our Voices Rise” 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 offertory “Heart and Soul” by Lorie Line

**Reading:** “A Blessing Called Sanctuary” by Jan Richardson, a White American artist, writer, and

ordained minister in the United Methodist Church

**Homily:** Listening and Telling

**Hymn: #128** "For All That Is Our Life" (gray hymnal), words by Bruce Findlow and music by Patrick L. Rickey. For the hymn words, click <https://farfringe.com/stlt128-for-all-that-is-our-life/>

**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.