

Order of Service January 26, 2025

Living Love Through the Practice of Story

Speaker: Diane Dobitz

Worship Associate: Linda Ganske

Children's Faith Development Director: Macey Forsyth

Pianist: Nancy Cramblit

Worship Tech: Kat Clements

Prelude:

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 "Let us drink from the stories that sustain us all..." *Rev. Scott Tayler*

Hymn #1021 "Lean on Me"

Words and music by Bill Withers

Story for All Ages

Born to Sparkle: A Story About Achieving Your Dreams

Author: Megan Bomgaars Illustrator: Pete Olczyk

Singing the Children Out

Joys and Sorrows with moment of stillness

Singing Prayer: To the tune of #1002

Words and music: Mimi Bornstein-Doble (adapted)

Offertory

Reading: "Welcome To Holland" *By Emily Perl Kingsley*

Hymn #1053 How Could Anyone Ever Tell You

Words and music by Libby Roderick

Sermon: Gail Dobitz's Living Story of Love

Hymn #118 This Little Light of Mine

Words and music: African American spiritual

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 feel free to stay online for a time of gathering to meet, talk, and connect. (If the group online is large enough, we will invite you to join breakout rooms for small group connection.)

In-person participants: Please stay for refreshment in the Fellowship Hall on the lower level following the worship service.