

Order of Service February 2, 2025

You Are Welcome Here

Minister: Rev. Diana McLean

Children's Faith Development Director: Macey Forsyth

Pianist: Justin Ganske

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

"Come In; Be Among Us" by Shari Woodbury

Hymn #188, Come, Come, Whoever You Are

Words and music: Lynn Ungar (words adapted from Rumi)

Story for All Ages

I am We: A Book of Community

Written by Susan Verde and illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds

Interactive Worship Element: Easier Together

Hymn #1007, There's a River Flowin' in My Soul

Words and music: Faya Rose Touré

Joys and Sorrows

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Meditation

Singing Prayer: To the tune of #1002

Words and music: Mimi Bornstein-Doble (adapted)

Offertory

Reflection: Rev. Diana

Hymn #1, May Nothing Evil Cross This Door

Words: Louis Untermeyer

Music: Robert N. Quaille

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.