

Order of Service February 23, 2025

The Church: To Be and To Do

Guest preacher via video: Rev. Byron Tyler Coles

Worship Associate: Susan Chambers

Children's Faith Development Director: Macey Forsyth

Pianist: Nancy Cramblit

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

"We Come Together This Morning"

by Kathleen McTigue

(#435 in the grey hymnal)

Hymn #389, Gathered Here

Words and music: Philip A. Porter

Story for All Ages

A Church for All

Written by Gayle E. Pitman

Illustrated by Laurie Fournier

Singing the Children Out

Joys and Sorrows

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Meditation

Singing Prayer: To the tune of #1002

Words and music: Mimi Bornstein-Doble (adapted)

Stewardship Testimonial

Offertory

Reading “Religion” by Vincent B. Silliman

#466 in the grey hymnal

Hymn #113, Where Is Our Holy Church?

Words: Edwin Henry Wilson

Music: Genevan psalter, 1551, adapted by William Crotch

Sermon: Video

Hymn #6, Just as Long as I Have Breath

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Music: Johann G. Ebeling; harmony by John Edwin Giles

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 a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall on the lower level following the worship service.