

Order of Service March 16, 2025

Trusting Life

Minister: Rev. Diana McLean

Worship Associate: Diane Dobitz

Director of Lifespan Faith Formation: 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

“With Faith to Face Our Challenges” by Gary Kowalski

Hymn #349, We Gather Together

Words: Dorothy Caiger Senghas and Robert E. Senghas

Music: Adrian Valerius

Story for All Ages

The Day You Begin, written by Jacqueline Woodson, illustrated by Rafael López

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)

Offertory

Reading: Growing Trust

by Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer

Hymn #83, Winds Be Still

Words: Richard S. Kimball

Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Sermon: Trusting Life

Hymn #1064, Blue Boat Home

Words: Peter Mayer

Music: Roland Hugh Prichard, adapted by Peter Mayer

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.