

Order of Service April 6, 2025

Joy as Resistance, Resistance as Joy

Minister: Rev. Diana McLean

Special Guest: Dr. Marian Broida

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

"It is Good to be Together" by Alison Wohler

Hymn #1018, Come and Go With Me

Words and music: African American spiritual, art. Kenny Smith

Resisting Tyrants Since Pharaoh

(Joy and Resistance in the Passover Story)

Story for All Ages

The Passover Mouse

Written by Joy Nelkin Wieder

Illustrated by Shahar Kober

Joys and Sorrows

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Meditation

Singing Prayer: To the tune of #1002

Words and music: Mimi Bornstein-Doble (adapted)

Offertory

Reflection: Passover and Joy (Marian Broida)

Singing: Khad Gadya (Barnyard version)

Reflection: Passover and Resistance (Marian Broida)

Singing: Go Down Moses

Reflection: Resistance Requires Joy (Rev. Diana McLean)

Hymn #1060, As We Sing of Hope and Joy

Words and music: Elizabeth Alexander

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 refreshments in the Fellowship Hall on the lower level following the worship service.