

## **Order of Service April 13, 2025**

### **A Theology of Joy for Times Like These**

Minister: Rev. Diana McLean

Worship Associate: Rebecca Larrabee

Reader: Nancy Devine

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**

"Come Into This Place" by Margaret Weis

### **Hymn #361, Enter, Rejoice, and Come In**

Words and music: Louise Ruspini

### **Story for All Ages**

*Where Happiness Begins*

by Eva Eland

### **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: “A Blessing”

By James Wright

### Hymn #356, Will You Seek in Far-Off Places?

Words: Alicia Carpenter, based on a text by Walt Whitman

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, arr. Norman Luboff

## Sermon

### Hymn #100, I’ve Got Peace Like a River (verses 1, 2, and 3)

Words and music: Marvin V. Frey

### 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.