

Order of Service May 4, 2025

Saving What We Love: A Theology of Star Wars

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

"Call to Worship and Action" by Rev. Sharon Wylie

Hymn #389, Gathered Here

Words and music: Philip A. Porter

Story for All Ages

Everything I Need to Know I Learned From a Star Wars Little Golden Book

Written by Geof Smith

Illustrated by Chris Kennett and Alan Batson

Joys and Sorrows

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Meditation

Singing Prayer: To the tune of #1002

Words and music: Mimi Bornstein-Doble (adapted)

Offertory

Reading: from “The Last Jedi: A Star Wars Movie for the Era of ‘the Nones’” by John McAteer

Hymn #155, Circle ‘Round for Freedom

Words and music: Linda Hirschhorn

Reflection and Discussion: Rev. Diana

Hymn #1028 “The Fire of Commitment”

by Jason Shelton and Mary Katherine Morn

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.