

Order of Service July 13, 2025

Question Box Sunday

Minister: Rev. Diana McLean

Director of Lifespan Faith Formation: Macey Forsyth

Worship Associate: Diane Dobitz

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

“Forged in the Fire of Our Coming Together” by Gretchen Haley

Hymn #389, Gathered Here

Words and music: Philip A. Porter

Story

The Girl with Big, Big Questions

Written by Britney Winn Lee, illustrated by Jacob Souva

Singing the Children Out

Joys and Sorrows

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Meditation

Singing Prayer: To the tune of #1002

(words and music by Mimi Bornstein-Doble, adapted)

Offertory

Reading “The Only Answer I Know” by Elea Kemler

Hymn #1003, Where Do We Come From?

Words: Paul Gauguin and Brian Tate

Music: Brian Tate

Questions and Answers

Hymn #354, “We Laugh, We Cry” (verses 1 and 4)

Words and music: Shelley Jackson Denham

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)

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 and conversation in the Fellowship Hall on the lower level following the worship service.