

Order of Service August 3rd, 2025

In Praise of Neurodiversity

Director of Lifespan Faith Formation: Macey Forsyth

Worship Associate: Molly Reinemann

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

“The Space Between” by Macey Forsyth

Hymn #361, “Enter, Rejoice, and Come In”

Words and music: Louise Ruspini

Story

Remarkable Remy, written by Melanie Heyworth, illustrated by Nathaniel Eckstrom

Interactive Element

Musical Interlude

Joys and Sorrows

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Meditation

Singing Prayer: To the tune of **#1002**

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

Offertory

Story

Next Level, written by Samara Cole Doyon, illustrated by Kaylani Juanita

Hymn #1053, “How Could Anyone”

Words and music by Libby Roderick

Reflection

Hymn #6, “Just as Long as I Have Breath”

Words by Alicia S. Carpenter and music by Johann G. Ebeling

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.