

Order of Service: August 31, 2025

Title: To Be Hopeless Would Seem So Strange

Speaker: Audrey McCann

Worship Leader: Diane Langland

Planist: Nancy Cramblit

Sound Booth: Dan Possin

Prelude Music: #346 Come Sing a Song With Me

Words and music: Carolyn McDade

Welcome and Announcements

Singing Bowl

Chalice Lighting

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn: #1011 Return Again

Words and music: Shlomo Carlebach

Singing Meditation: To the tune of hymn #1002

Words and music: Mimi Bornstein-Doble

Comfort me, Share my joy

Comfort me, O my soul (repeat both lines once)

Time for All Ages: "Water Bearer's Garden" (Indian folktale), *Audrey McCann*

Joys and Sorrows

Silent Meditation

Singing Prayer

Offertory

Reading: "Take What You Need and Leave the Rest Behind" by Jen Crow

Special Music: "I Am Willing" by Holly Near, Audrey McCann

Sermon: "To Be Hopeless Would Seem So Strange"

Closing Hymn: #108 My Life Flows on In Endless Song

Words: Doris Plenn Music: Robert Lowry

Extinguishing the Chalice

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.

Benediction: "May You Be Changed" by Emily Richards

Singing Benediction: "May the Longtime Sun" (*sing through twice*)

May the Longtime Sun Shine Upon You

All love surround you

And the pure, pure light that's within you

Guide your way home

Postlude