

Order of Service: December 14, 2025

“Hope in Pieces”

Guest Speaker: Chad Snyder

Worship Associate: Molly Reinemann

Pianist: Nancy Cramblit

Sound Booth: Dan Possin

Storyteller/Director of Lifespan Faith Formation: Macey Forsyth

Hospitality: Diane Dobitz and DeeAnn Nelson

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.

Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn: # 118, This Little Light of Mine

Words and music: African American Spiritual

Story: *Love*

Written by Matt La Pena, illustrated by Lauren Long

Singing the Children Out (music inside back cover of gray hymnal)

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 Gospel According to Dogs” by Suleika Jaouad’s piece

Sermon: “Hope in Pieces”

Closing Hymn: # 346 “Come Sing a Song With Me”

Words and music: Carolyn McDade

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.*

Benediction

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