

Order of Service: January 25, 2026

A Talent for Truth

Guest Speaker: Chad Snyder

Worship Associate: Linda Ganske

Pianist: Nancy Cramblit

Sound Booth: Dan Possin

Storyteller: Director of Lifespan Faith Formation, Macey Forsyth

Childcare Attendant: Linden Anthony

Prelude/Opening Slideshow

Welcome and Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

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

Opening Hymn: # 131 (Gray Hymnal) "Love Will Guide Us"

Words: Sally Rogers Music: Betty A. Wylder

Story for All Ages: "The Emperor's Cool Clothes"

Written & Illustrated by Lee Harper

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

May peace surround you

May love surround you

As you go, as you go

On your way

Joys and Sorrows

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Meditation

Singing Prayer: To the tune of hymn #1002 ~ Words and music by Mimi Bornstein-Doble, adapted

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

Reading: from the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 25

Offertory

Sermon: "A Talent for Truth"

Closing Hymn: # 121 (Gray Hymnal) "We'll Build a Land"

Words: Barbara Zanotti 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