

Order of Service: March 8, 2026

“All the Rest is Water”

Guest Speaker: Seth Anderson-Matz

Worship Associate: Diane Langland

Pianist: Jo Breckenridge

Sound Booth: Dan Possin

Storyteller: Director of Lifespan Faith Formation, Macey Forsyth

Childcare Attendant: Linden Anthony

Hospitality: Jim & Connie Rovney and Sue Wiltgen

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: # 1011 (Teal Hymnal) “Return Again”

Words and music: Shlomo Carlebach

Story: “The Gift of Nothing” by Patrick McDonnell

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

First Reading: “For Calling the Spirit Back From Wandering the Earth in Its Human Feet” by Joy Harjo

Special Music: “When Water Comes to Life” by Cloud Cult

Sermon: “All the Rest is Water” Seth Anderson- Matz

Closing Hymn: # 352 (Gray Hymnal) “Find a Stillness”

Words by, Carl G. Seaburg

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

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