

**Soul Matters Monthly Theme: Awakening Curiosity**

**“Listening is about showing people they matter, and the way you show people they matter is by aiming your curiosity at them. Ask yourself, what kinds of people do I talk about but never with? Whoever is underrepresented in your life will be overrepresented in your imagination.” – Mónica Guzmán**

**Order of Service May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026: Softening Judgement with Humility and Curiosity**

**Congregational Greeting**

**Bell Chime**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Chalice Lighting:** For those attending by Zoom, please type into the Chat that a chalice is lit on [your street]:

*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.*

**Opening words:** “Welcome to this Community of Seekers” by Alexis Engelbrecht

**Poem:** “When Someone Deeply Listens to You” by John Fox

**Hymn #123:** “Spirit of Life” words and music by Carolyn McDade, harmony by Grace Lewis-MaLaren

**Story:** “Listen” by Holly M McGhee and illustrated by Pascal Lemaître

**Reading:** Excerpt from *See No Stranger* by Valerie Kaur

**Sorrows and Joys**

**Singing Prayer:** To the tune of #1002 (teal hymnal) by Mimi Borstein

*Comfort me, share my joy/ Comfort me, Oh my soul. (2x)*

**Offertory**

**Hymn #298:** “Wake Now My Senses” words by Thomas J. Mikelson, a Traditional Irish melody, harmony by Carlton R. Young

**Homily and Meditation**

**Poem:** “The Place Where We Are Right” by Yehuda Amichai

**Prayer:** “The Inner Tilt of the Head” by Rev. Michelle Collins

**Hymn #193:** “Our Faith Is but a Single Gem” words by John Andrew Storey, music from *The Southern Harmony*

**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.*

**Singing Benediction:** “Longtime Sun,” the final three minutes of “A Very Cellular Song” written by Mike Heron and performed by The Incredible String Band on their 1968 album *The Hangman’s Beautiful Daughter*.

*May the long time sun shine upon you/All love surround you  
And the pure, pure light that’s within you/ Guide your way home (2x)*