

Order of Service: May 10, 2026
“Curiosity as a Spiritual Practice”

Speaker: Tony Filipovitch

Worship Associate: Diane Dobitz

Pianist: Jo Breckenridge

Storyteller: Director of Lifespan Faith Formation, Macey Forsyth

Choir Director: Joci Follmuth

Accompanist: Nancy Cramblit

Sound Booth: Dan Possin

Childcare Attendant: Linden Anthony

Readers: Cathi Fouchi & Dennis Cramblit

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: # 8 (Gray Hymnal) “Mother Spirit, Father Spirit”

Words & music: Norbert F. Capek

Story for All Ages: The Girl with Big, Big Questions

By: Britney Winn Lee

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

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)

Offertory

Choir Anthem: Fly Away

Reading #1: Little Gidding from T.S. Eliots poem

2nd Hymn: # 1003 (Teal Hymnal) – led by choir “Where Do We Come From”

Words: Paul Gaugin Music: Brian Tate

Sermon: “Curiosity as a Spiritual Practice”

Tony Filipovitch

Reading #2: Jiminy Cricket

Encyclopedia (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cy2iWJtO3IE>)

Reading #3: EE Milne Winnie the Pooh

Reading #4: The Apology : (*Poitier Reads Plato*) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CmW8zThV75Q>

Reading #5: Pdraig O’Tuama, “Hello to What We Cannot Know”

Reading #6: Rumi, “Out Beyond”

Reading #7: Doris Lessing, “Preface” to *The Sirian Experiments*

Reading#8: “Everything is waiting for you” David Whyte

Closing Hymn: # 354 (Gray Hymnal) “We Laugh, We Cry”

Words & music: Shelley Jackson Denham

Closing Blessing

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