

Order of Service: July 26, 2026

“The Promise of Freedom”

Guest Speaker: Chad Snyder

Worship Associate: Diane Dobitz

Children’s Chapel: Danielle Stedman

Pianist: Jo Breckenridge

Sound Booth: Dan Possin

Childcare Attendant: Linden Anthony

Hospitality: Mary Beth Trembly and Sue Wiltgen

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: # 1051 (Teal Hymnal) “We Are”

Words & music: Ysaye M. Barnwell

Story: The Rabbit Listened

By Cori Doerrfeld

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

Reading: Proclamation from a Texas town on June 19, 1865

Sermon: Promise of Freedom
Chad Snyder

Closing Hymn: # 1018 (Teal Hymnal) "Come and Go with Me"
Words and music: African-American spiritual, arr. Kenny Smith

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.