

Order of Service
Sunday, August 16, 2026

"Rooted: Prayer, Resistance, and Resilience in the Garden"

Guest Speaker: Laura Marsala Peterson, Executive Director of Living Earth Center

Worship Associate: Lee Ganske

Pianist: Jo Breckenridge

Storyteller: Macey Forsyth, Director of Lifespan Faith Formation

Sound Booth: Kevin Pollack

Hospitality: Diane Dobitz

Prelude/Opening Slideshow

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

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.

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn: # 301 (Gray Hymnal) "Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky"

Words & music: Grace Lewis McLaren

Story: Harlem Grown

Written by: Tony Hillery & Illustrated by: Jessie Hartland

Singing out the Children

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: Comfort Me (To the tune of #1002)

Words and music by Mimi Bornstein-Doble, adapted

Offertory

Reading

Sermon: Rooted: Prayer, Resistance, and Resilience in the Garden

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Closing Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth # 21 (Gray Hymnal)

Words: Folliott Sandford Pierpoint Music: Conrad Kocher

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.*

Closing Words

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