

UUFM Monthly Theme: Beginnings
Order of Service September 13th, 2026

“In-Gathering Service & Celebration”

Speaker: Susan S. Chambers

Worship Leader: M Lipps

Storyteller: Macey Forsyth, Director of Lifespan Faith Formation

Choir Director: Joci Follmuth

Pianist: Nancy Cramblit

Nursery Attendant: Linden Anthony

Tech Booth: Dan Possin

Hospitality: Lee Ganske

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

Opening Hymn: #6 (Gray Hymnal) “Just as Long as I Have Breath”

Words: Alicia S. Carpenter Music: Johann G. Ebeling

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY Trisha Nienow

Story *Macey*

CHOIR SINGS “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

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

Reading

Homily and Meditation

CHOIR SINGS *“How Can I Keep From Singing?”*

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

Words: Carl G. Seaburg Music: Transylvanian Hymn Tune

Closing Words

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,” *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)*