UUFM Monthly Theme: Healing

"Shards of glass can cut and wound or magnify a vision. Mosaic celebrates brokenness and the beauty of being brought together." – Terry Tempest Williams

Order of Service November 1st, 2026: On Collective Healing

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 "Healing Ancestral Wounds" by Jaiya John
Hymn #309 (Gray Hymnal) "Earth is Our Homeland" words by Mark L. Belletini and Helen R. Pickett, music by Johannes Brahms, arr. by Fred Bock
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)

Story *You Belong Here,* written by M.H. Clark, illustrated by Isabelle Arsenault
Offertory
Poem "Thick with Hope" by Ryan Van Lenning
Video "Trade My Troubles (A Short Film)" by Rising Appalachia (to show a portion: 9:37-14:00)
Homily and Meditation
Song "Trade My Troubles" by Rising Appalachia
Poem "To Begin With, the Sweet Grass" by Mary Oliver
Hymn #347 (Gray Hymnal): "Gather the Spirit" by Jim Scott
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)