Live Stream Order of Service
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Today's Order of Service

Gathering Music Ron Guthrie, pianist

Welcome and Announcements Rusty Johnson, pulpit host

Lighting the Chalice Rusty Johnson, pulpit host

Music for Centering Ron Guthrie, pianist

Thread Song 398 To See the World

To see the world in a grain of sand, and a heaven in a wildflower,
hold infinity in the palm of your hand, and eternity in an hour.

Call to Worship Rev. Jaimie Dingus

Lights of the Season

Opening Hymn 226 People, Look East

1 People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table. People, look east and sing today: Love the Guest, is on the way.

2 Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there. Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course and flower may flourish. People, look east and sing today: Love, the Rose, is on the way.

3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim, shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together. People, look east and sing today: Love, the Star, is on the way.

Doxology

From all who dwell below the skies,
let faith and hope with love arise;
let beauty, truth, and good be sung
through every land by every tongue.

De todos bajo el gran sol
surja esperanza, fe, amor
verdad, y belleza cantando,
de cada tierra, cada voz.

Words of Aspiration

May love be the spirit of this church.
May the quest for truth be its sacrament and service be its prayer.
To dwell together in peace, to seek knowledge in freedom,
and to help one another in fellowship:
This is our aspiration.

Story for All Ages Kristen Warrington, DRE

Children's Recessional

As we leave this friendly place, love give light to every face.
May the kindness which we've learned, guide our hearts till we return.
As we leave this friendly place, love give light to every face.

Offertory Ron Guthrie, pianist

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Circle of Candles and Prayer

Responsive Music 1009 Meditation on Breathing

When I breathe in, I'll breathe in peace.
When I breathe out, I'll breathe out love.

When I breathe in, I'll breathe in peace.
When I breathe out, I'll breathe out love.

Breathe in, Breathe out,
Breathe in, Breathe out

Reading

Anthem UUCH Choir

Sweet Radiant Mystery by Catherine Dalton

O Sweet Radiant Mystery,
set us free from that which binds,
beckoning the soul to fly.

O Sweet Radiant Mystery,
open our eyes to see beyond
that which hides the soul from light.

O Sweet Radiant Mystery,
help us hear the endless song
of all that is and was and ever shall be.

Sermon "How to Love a Mystery"

Closing Hymn 324 Where My Free Spirit Onward Leads

1 Where my free spirit onward leads, well, there shall be my way; by my own light illumined I've journeyed night and day; my age, a time-worn cloak I wear as once I wore my youth; I celebrate life's mystery; I celebrate death's truth.

2 My family is not confined to mother, mate, and child; but it includes all creatures be they tame or be they wild; my family upon this earth includes all living things on land, or in the ocean deep, or borne aloft on wings.

3 The ever spinning universe, well, there shall be my home; I sing and spin within it as through this life I roam; eternity is hard to ken and harder still is this: a human life when truly seen is briefer than a kiss.

Chalice Extinguishing Rusty Johnson, pulpit host

Closing Words Rev. Jaimie Dingus

Rite of Community 1039 Be Thou with Us

Be Thou with us, now and always,
now and always, blessed be.

Thank you for joining us for worship.
See you next Sunday @ 10:45 am on Zoom or in person!
