

Order of Service

May 24, 2020

Welcome Michael Celona, Board President

Prelude *Piano Blues No. 1* Aaron Copland

Chalice Lighting Eileen Cummings, Board of Trustees

Unison Affirmation

Love is the doctrine of this church,
The quest for truth its sacrament
And service is its prayer.
To dwell together in peace,
To seek knowledge in freedom,
To serve human need,
to the end that all souls shall
grow into harmony with the divine –
Thus do we covenant with each other
and with God.

Hymn Samuel Francis Smith, 1831

"My Country 'Tis of Thee"

My country 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrim's pride,
From every mountainside
Let freedom ring!
My native country, thee,
Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills,
Like that above.
Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom's song;
Let mortal tongues awake;
Let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break,
The sound prolong.

Reading

The Rev. Greg DuBow, Air Force Chaplain

"The Young Dead Soldiers Do Not Speak"
by Archibald MacLeish

Nevertheless they are heard in the still houses: who has not heard them?
They have a silence that speaks for them at night and when the clock counts.
They say, We were young. We have died. Remember us.
They say, We have done what we could but until it is finished it is not done.
They say, We have given our lives but until it is finished no one can know what our lives gave.
They say, Our deaths are not ours: they are yours: they will mean what you make them.
They say, Whether our lives and our deaths were for peace and a new hope or for nothing we cannot say: it is you who must say this.
They say, We leave you our deaths: give them their meaning: give them an end to the war and a true peace: give them a victory that ends the war and a peace afterwards: give them their meaning.
We were young, they say. We have died. Remember us.

Offertory

Ashokan Farewell

Jay Ungar

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Minister's Message

"The Spirit of Endurance and Sacrifice"

Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein, Parish Minister

Hymn

Words: Samuel Anthony Wright

Music: Jean Sibelius

"We Would Be One"

We would be one as now we join in singing
our hymn of love, to pledge ourselves anew
to that high cause of greater understanding
of who we are, and what in us is true.
We would be one in living for each other
to show to all a new community.

We would be one in building for tomorrow
a nobler world than we have known today.
We would be one in searching for that meaning
which bends our hearts and points us on our way.
As one, we pledge ourselves to greater service,
with love and justice, strive to make us free.

Pastoral Check-In

Claire Wilson, Pastoral Care Coordinator

Benediction

Postlude

Nimrod (from *Enigma Variations*)

Edward Elgar