



ORDER OF SERVICE

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MUSIC FOR REFLECTION/CHIME

OPENING WORDS & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

LIGHTING OUR CHALICE (in unison)

Around us, light is returning.
It rekindles the spirit of life in the skeletons of trees.
It brings forth new shoots from the soil.
It wakes us from our winter slumber, and invites us to see
what lies beyond.

We light this chalice in the spirit of our Earth's awakening
and to reaffirm our commitment to the value of our home.

GREETING AND CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

HYMN "Paradise" by John Prine

Chorus:

And daddy, won't you take me back to Muhlenberg County
Down by the green river where paradise lay?
Well, I'm sorry my son, but you're too late in asking
Mister Peabody's coal train has hauled it away

SHARING OF JOYS AND SORROWS

OFFERING and MUSICAL INTERLUDE "Simple Gifts"

MESSAGE

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HYMN #1064 "Blue Boat Home"

CLOSING WORDS

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE (in unison)

Blessed is the dark, in which our dreams stir and are revealed.
Blessed is the dark of earth, where seeds come to life.
Blessed are the depths of the ocean where no light shimmers:
the womb of all earthly life.

Blessed is the light into which we awake,
the light that sparkles on the waters:
that calls the tree forth from the seed,
and calls the shadow forth from the tree.

Blessed are we as we move through darkness and through light.

CLOSING SONG

From you I receive,
To you I give,
Together we share, and
From this we live (repeat)

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