Announcements & Celebrations
Prelude
Welcome
One: Whoever you are, or wherever you are on life’s journey,
All: You are welcome here!

Blessing the Child in All of Us
Opening Prayer
*Call to Worship
One: Jesus said,
Many: “This is my Abba’s house.”
One: So come into this space
Many: just as you are.
One: Come into this space
Many: speaking your truth.
One: Come into this space
Many: with your authentic self.
One: This is God’s home.
Many: This is our home.
One: Let us worship God.
We could offer welcome, but we often choose judgment. We could choose action, but we often choose silence. We could choose advocacy, but we often choose comfort. We could choose truth, but we often choose ignorance. We could choose God, but we often choose ourselves. Forgive us, gracious God, for the moments when we chose poorly. Open our hearts to choose you, to choose community, to choose love. Gratefully we pray, amen.

**Assurance of Grace**

**Sung Response #23**  
*Angels We Have Heard on High (refrain)*  

Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo; Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo

**Hosanna: A Moment for Social Justice**

**Scripture Readings**  
*Luke 2:41-52*  
*Colossians 3:12-17*

**Sermon**  
Chosen Home

**Prayers of the People**

**Our Lord's Prayer**  
*unison*

**Offertory**

**Doxology #592**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below,  

**Blessing Our Offerings**

**Hymn**

**Our Commission**  
*unison*

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*please rise in body and/or spirit*

Welcome to Second Congregational Church! We are an Open and Affirming, Green Justice Congregation of the United Church of Christ. We welcome to our worship and to our membership all people of faith, or in search of faith, without regard to age, race, gender, economic condition, ability, sexual identity, gender identity, or citizenship; and we affirm all persons beloved children of God. We invite all to share in the worship, full life, leadership, and employment opportunities of the church.