

Change arrives in nature when time has ripened...The rhythm of emergence is a gradual
slow beat always inching its way forward. John O'Donohue
Above all, trust in the slow work of God. Teilhard de Chardin
We can only be said to be alive in those moments when our hearts are conscious of our
treasures. Thornton Wilder

* Please stand in body and/or spirit as you are able

LET US GATHER

PRELUDE Largo, from Xerses G.F. Handel

WELCOME to ALL!

No matter who you are or where you are on your life's journey,
you are welcome here.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT Bless The Lord Taizé

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God of all promise, of seeds maturing and bare trees turning green, of
flower beds emerging bright with color, may your spirit guide us in caring
for your creation and one another. May we make the time to plant seeds of
kindness, compassion, and joy each day.
P: **You have provided for all our needs; how can we not be thankful
and share what we have been given.**
L: Each new experience, each new life-affirming action, each new moment
offers us an opportunity to grow spiritually, to take the time to reflect on
the truth of life in all that it can be, to trust in new beginnings.
P: **May we today surrender our fears, our need for control, our
anger, our arrogance, our pride allowing space to celebrate the
miracles of creation and the beauty of the world around us.**

LET US PREPARE

*HYMN All Beautiful the March of Days B434

UNISON INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER (trespasses)

God of grace and unity and wonder, help us to be the change we hope
to see in this world. Grant us the wisdom to plant fruitful seeds in
your garden and the patience to nurture them as they grow. May we
take the time to celebrate the quiet miracles of our daily lives. And
may these words that Jesus taught his disciples help us to sing and
dance forever in harmony with all creation. “Our Father....Amen.”

LET US LISTEN

READINGS Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

HYMN In the Bulb there is a Flower B433

REFLECTION Of Seeds and Rhythms

ANTHEM In Your House, O Lord Turner/Wingate

You are invited into a moment of silence for personal reflection.

LET US RESPOND

JOYS AND CONCERNS
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE B283
Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

L: Let the people say ...
P: **Amen and Amen.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY For the Beauty of the Earth arr. Charles Callahan

*DOXOLOGY B778 (tune: B780 L.Bourgeois 1551)
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

***UNISON PRAYER OF THANKS AND DEDICATION**

Dear God, may our celebration today remind us how gracious you are with all your gifts. May we go our separate ways today with a strengthened spirit and a new appreciation for the power of a single seed, a single kind act, a single prayer for someone in need. Our hearts are ready. Let us go in peace.

LET US GO FORTH

*HYMN	<i>De Colores</i>	<i>B402</i>
*BENEDICTION		
*SEVEN FOLD AMEN		<i>R594</i>
POSTLUDE	<i>Flutedance</i>	<i>Joe Utterback</i>

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Ministers:	The People
Guest Preacher:	Ilona Kwiecien
Minister of Music:	Gene Faxon
Guest Musician:	Carol Hamilton
Worship Leader:	Marcia Breckenridge
Greeter:	Sam Greene
Ushers:	Sam Greene and Lisa Giragosian
Flowers:	Pam Hill
Set Up:	Marc O’Brien

Please join us in the Parish House after worship for coffee, this week provided by Lisa Giragosian. The mustard themed bulletin cover image was created by Karen and ChatGPT.

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