

“I do not see the national flag flying from the staff of the sycamore, or any decree of the government written on the leaves of the walnut...They have not declared to whom they stand in welcome.” Wendell Berry

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

LET US GATHER

PRELUDE *An Irish Medley*

WELCOME to ALL!

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *Sing To The Lord* *Taizé*

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Let the heavens and earth rejoice,
P: **let the waves of the ocean roar,**
L: let the rivers clap their hands,
P: **let the mountains rumble with joy,**
L: let the meadows sing out together,
P: **let the trees of the forest exult:**
L: in acknowledgement of God
P: **pulsing in the atom, extending to the outermost star.**

LET US PREPARE

*HYMN *Morning Has Broken* *R38*

UNISON INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER (trespasses)

Breath of the Universe that animates and sustains us, let us pause to feel your presence in our lungs, in our lives, in each unfolding moment of Creation. Let us pause to feel the presence of those around us: the subtle rustling in our seats, the coughs and sniffles, the signs of life

that companion us even when we feel alone. May we be cognizant of what unites us, inhabiting our shared humanity and spiritual kinship with all creatures of the earth. May we breathe deeply into the stories of one another, seeking connection, facing hard truths, meeting them with love. Now let us join in the Lord’s Prayer. “Our Father....Amen.”

LET US LISTEN

READINGS *Proverbs 25:21*
Exodus 23:4-5

HYMN *Lord of All Hopefulness* *R217*

REFLECTION *A Meditation in Two Voices weaving Wendel Berry’s poem,
To A Siberian Woodsman*

ANTHEM *God Be In My Head* *G.A.Grant-Schaefer*
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 *The Ruby*

*DOXOLOGY *B778 (tune: B78o 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**

May our gifts express our gratitude for all that we receive and our commitment to embody the generosity and mercy of Jesus.

LET US GO FORTH

*HYMN	<i>You Walk Along Our Shoreline</i>	<i>B504</i>
*BENEDICTION		
*SEVEN FOLD AMEN		<i>R594</i>
POSTLUDE	<i>Harvest Home</i>	
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Ministers:	The People
Guest Preacher:	Leaf Seligman
Minister of Music:	Gene Faxon
Worship Leader:	Lisa Bostnar
Greeter and Usher:	Lisa Giragosian
Set Up:	Lisa Giragosian
Guest Musicians:	Jim Reiman, Margaret Hawthorn

Please join us in the Parish House after worship for coffee.

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