

### THOUGHTS FOR GATHERING

from *Late Autumn*, by May Sarton  
*On random wires the rows of summer swallows  
wait for their lift-off. They will soon be gone,  
before All Saints and before All Hallows,  
the changing time when we are most alone.  
Love, say "hush" to my fears, and warm the night.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

*You've Got a Friend*, by Carole King

#### WELCOME

#### \* TEMPLE BELL

#### \* CHALICE LIGHTING AND COVENANT

Love is the spirit of this church and service its law. This is our great covenant – to dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.

#### \* HYMN #290

*Bring, O Past, Your Honor*

#### INVOCATION (responsive: Leader; **Men; Women**)

*The Task of the Religious Community*, by Mark Morrison-Reed (adapted)

This morning let us celebrate the calling of our religious community:

**to unveil the bonds that bind each to all –**

*to recognize the relationships amid the particulars of our lives.*

**to live with kindness, to act for justice,**

*to be assured we do not struggle alone.*

Let us remember we are essential to one another,

**for alone our vision is too narrow to see all that must be seen,**

*our strength too limited to do all that must be done.*

***This morning, let our vision widen, our strength renew, our kindness grow.***

#### ANTHEM

*It Takes a Village*, by Joan Szymko

#### TIME FOR ALL AGES

#### SINGING THE CHILDREN FORTH

Go now in peace, go now in peace. May the spirit of love surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.

### MEDITATION

*Imagine*, by Siddhartha Buddha  
*The Big Heart*, by Anne Sexton

### SHARING JOYS AND SORROWS

#### READING

*Companions to Maya (Buddha's Mother)*  
from the *Lalitavistara Sutra* in The Life of Buddha by A. Ferdinand Herold

#### \*HYMN #295

*Sing Out Praises for the Journey*

#### READING

*Companions to Mary (Christ's Mother)* from the Gospels of Matthew & Luke

#### SERMON

*PRENATAL COMPANIONS: Their Influence on Your Mother and You*

#### OFFERTORY

Variation #2 from *Ah Vois Dirai-je, Maman* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

#### \*HYMN #402

*From You I Receive* (round)

#### GOING FORTH

#### CARRYING FORTH THE LIGHT

We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth,  
the warmth of love, or the fire of courage.

These we carry in our hearts and out into the world.

#### POSTLUDE

*Daddy's Son* from Ragtime

\* Asterisks indicate an opportunity to stand.

Speaker: Rev. Jack Donovan

Worship Leader: Beate Hughes-Brown

Music Director: Nic Filzen

Pianist: Teresa Ancaya

Ministers: All of us

Greeters:

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affirming and promoting the full human worth and dignity of every person  
regardless of class, gender, race, sexual orientation, ability, faith, or nationality.*