

THOUGHTS FOR GATHERING

*“Blessed are they who have grown beyond their greed
and have put an end to their hatred and no longer nourish illusions.
They delight in the highest ways of being & keep their hearts open day & night.
They are like trees planted near flowing rivers, which bear fruit in its season.
Their leaves do not fall or wither. That to which they lend their hand prospers.”*
– after Stephen Mitchell’s interpretation of *Psalm 1*.
“Very early I realized that the only object in life is to grow.” – Margaret Fuller

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Interlude VII by Mark Hayes

*** CHALICE LIGHTING AND COVENANT**

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

*** CHIMING OF THE TEMPLE BOWL**

*** HYMN #300**

Heart and Mind

INVOCATION #615

The Work of Christmas by Howard Thurman

MEDITATION

Vacillation IV by William Butler Yeats

My fiftieth year had come and gone,
I sat, a solitary man,
In a crowded London shop,
An open book and empty cup
On the marble table-top.

While on the shop and street I gazed
My body of a sudden blazed;
And twenty minutes more or less
It seemed, so great my happiness,
That I was blessed and could bless.

ANTHEM

When Life Begins by Lane Tracy

TIME FOR ALL AGES

HONORING WINNIE FOSTER

SINGING THE CHILDREN FORTH:

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

SHARING JOYS AND SORROWS

READING

The Magi and the Prophets - Luke 2 and Matthew

*** HYMN #123**

Spirit of Life

READING

from Tina Fey’s *Bossy Pants*

SERMON

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORLD #1:
What’s to be Realized in Your Life?

OFFERTORY

Improviso by Octavio Pinto

***HYMN #345**

With Joy We Claim the Growing Light

***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.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Interlude I by Mark Hayes

* Asterisks indicate an opportunity to stand.

Minister: Rev. Jack Donovan

Guest Music Director: Brent Douglas

Hospitality: Kevin Wamboldt

Worship Associate: Sarah Craig

Guest Pianist: Erin Seibert

Greeters: Dave Coale & Team