

THOUGHTS FOR GATHERING

What do I think of Western civilization? I think it would be a good idea. - Gandhi
The equal rights amendment would dedicate the nation to a new view of the rights and responsibilities of men and women. - Ruth Bader Ginsburg

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

We Can Be Kind by David Friedman

*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 #1

May Nothing Evil Cross This Door

RESPONSIVE INVOCATION

Adapted from *The Dream of the Earth* by Dr. Thomas Berry

ANTHEM

Let There Be Peace on Earth by Jill and Sy Miller

TIME FOR ALL AGES

A Thank You Commission to FAST

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

MEDITATION

Let America Be America Again (I) by Langston Hughes (1938)

** Asterisks indicate an opportunity to stand..*

READING

Let America Be America Again (II) by Langston Hughes

*HYMN #90

From All the Fret and Fever of the Day

READING

Let America Be America Again (III) by Langston Hughes

SERMON

AMERICAN CIVILIZATION: WOULDN'T THAT BE A GOOD IDEA?

OFFERTORY

Time by Pink Floyd

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

Adapted from *The Pilgrims' Covenant* by Rev. Alice B. Wesley

*HYMN #128

For All That Is Our Lives

*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

Excerpt of the Overture from Don Giovanni by A. Mozart

Worship Leader: Rev. Jack Donovan

Music Director: Jon Arterton

Prelude Jon Arterton & James Mack

Hospitality: Kevin Wamboldt

Greeters: Gay Breuler, Billie Crider & 2nd Sunday Team

Worship Associate: Susan Burnore

Pianist: Teresa Ancaya

Anthem: Choir

Flowers: Julie & Toby Newcomb

RESPONSIVE INVOCATION

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Be awake now:

**we cannot discover ourselves
without first discovering the universe, the earth,
and the imperatives of our own being.**

Be aware now:

**each of us has a creative power and a vision far beyond
any rational thought or cultural creation of which we are capable.**

Be appreciative now:

we are not isolated from earthkind in our beings or communities.

Be caring now:

we have no being except within the universe and earth.

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May the spirit of life so fill us

**that we will walk together
in the ways of understanding and caring
as best we've learned them
or may learn them in days to come –**

that we and our children will be fulfilled

**and that we will speak to the world
in words and actions of peace and good will.**