

### THOUGHTS FOR GATHERING

*The foregoing generations beheld God & nature face to face; we, through their eyes.*

*Why should not we also enjoy an original relation to the universe?*

*Why should not we have a poetry & philosophy of insight & not of tradition,  
& a religion by revelation to us & not the history of theirs?"*

- from "Nature" by Ralph Waldo Emerson

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS PRELUDE

*Here is My Home* by Si Kahn

### 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 #12

*O Life That Maketh All Things New*

### RESPONSIVE INVOCATION

Adapted from The Sacred Depths of Nature by Ursula Goodenough  
(former president, American Society of Cell Biology)

All ye gathered here today, do you know that we humans  
may be the only questioners in the universe?

**Yes, maybe the only ones to understand the astonishing cosmic evolution.**

And that we are also, like it or not, the dominant species on Earth?

**Yes, or else the caretakers of this planet.**

Ah, then, can we figure out how to share Earth with all Earthkind?

**Can we learn to revere how things are,  
to express gratitude for our existence,  
to work to restore Earth's elegance and grace, to commit  
ourselves to love and joy and laughter and hope?**

### ANTHEM

*Let the Life I've Lived* traditional spiritual

### TIME FOR ALL AGES

*Sanctuary Through the Village*

### 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

*Centered/Distracted; Clear/Biased; Selfish/Selfless*

### HYMN #184

*Be Ye Lamps Unto Yourselves*

### READING

*The Signs of the Times* from  
the Gospel according to Luke, chapter 12

### SERMON

*CAN YOU GET OUTSIDE THE BOX OF YOUR MIND?  
Influencing Your Culture's Influence on Your Soul & Spirit*

### OFFERTORY

*Rainbow Connection* by Williams/Ascher

### BENEDICTION \*HYMN #187

*It Sounds Along the Ages*

### \*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

*What the World Needs Now* by Bacharach/David

**Worship Leader:** Rev. Jack Donovan

**Worship Associate:** Sarah Craig

**Music Director:** Jon Arterton

**Pianist:** Teresa Ancaya

**Prelude & Anthem:** Choir

**Hospitality:** Kevin Wamboldt

**Greeters:** Julie & Toby Newcomb & 3rd Sunday Team

**Flowers:** Paul & Susan Burnore in memory of Matthew Paul Burnore, 1978-1996.

\* Asterisks indicate an opportunity to stand.