

Order of Service
Sunday, September 28, 2025
Belonging and Becoming: Widening Our Circle of Community

GATHERING

Morning Sing #1059 Let your Life Be as a Song; Words: Jim Scott. Music: Yuri Zaritsky
#1023 Building Bridges; Words: Women of the Greenham Common Peace
Occupation in England 1983; Music: Contemporary English Quaker Round

Oh, Let Us Gather; Words and Music by RevAmy Carol Webb

Ring of the Chimes

Prelude #1021 Draw the Circle Wide; Words & Music by Mark A. Miller Welcome

Call to Worship “Building Belonging” Rev. Dr. David Breeden

Welcome, friends— Newcomers, old-timers, seekers, skeptics, saints of habit and rebels of the heart. Here, we gather not because we think the same, but because we choose to journey together.

Belonging is not something given—it is something we build, with open hands and open hearts. It is made in the sharing of stories, the holding of silences, the courage to show up as we are. Here, we practice a radical hospitality—not of perfection, but of presence.

May we make this place a shelter for the soul, a workshop for justice, a sanctuary where love is not merely spoken but lived. Deeply.

again—in trust, in hope, in the spirit of belonging.

Opening Music #1021 Draw the Circle Wide; Words & Music by Mark A. Miller

Chalice Lighting “Come into Our Circle” Rev. Michelle Collins

Come in from the margins. Come into our circle.

Here, we stretch wide a doorway of belonging.

No need to polish your edges or hush your truth.

We gather not in sameness, but in shared seeking.

Take a breath. Set down what you carry.

You are welcome, wholly and wildly, in this place.

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CONNECTING

Covenant

English: *Love is the spirit of this congregation 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.

Spanish: *El Amor es el espíritu de esta congregación*

y el servicio su ley principal.

Esta es nuestra gran promesa:

vivir juntos en paz, buscar la verdad a través del amor,

y ayudarnos mutuamente.

Wisdom Tale “I Am We” Written by Susan Verde, Art by Peter H. Reynolds

Sing Children to Classrooms “We Love you and Bless You; Words & Music by Amy Carol Webb

Offering/Offertory #1054 Let This Be a House of Peace; Words and Music by Jim Scott

DEEPENING #318 We Would Be One; Words: Samuel Anthony Wright; Music by Jean Sibelius

Candles of Community

Stones of Reflection

Pastoral Response

Reflection by Pam Kelner The Meaning of Membership

New Member Celebration: “How Could Anyone Ever Tell You, You Were Anything Less Than Beautiful” #1053 Words & Music by Libby Roderick

Reflection by Leana Bresnahan “Deepening our Connections”

Reflection by Edye Groseclose “Finding My Home”

Our Challenge by Elly Keane “Widen the Circle”

SENDING

Closing Music #1021 Lean on Me; Words and Music by Billy Withers

Closing Words “Having Received Sanctuary” *Permission Secured by Soul Matters*

Extinguishing the Chalice

Announcements

Shine On

Invite to Hospitality

Music Reprise