

Order of Service

February 2, 2025

“What’s in a Name”

Bending the Arc 3

STAY AWAKE for RAINBOWS: LGBTQ+ Equity

GATHERING

Morning Sing

#361, Enter, Rejoice and Come In. Words and Music: Louis Ruspini

#1007, There’s A River Flowin’ in My Soul. Words and Music by Rose Sanders

Oh, Let Us Gather by RevAmy Carol Webb

Ringing of the Chimes

Prelude -- “True Color” by Cindy Lauper

Welcome -- “Blessing of the Queer” (H. P. Rivers)

Theme Hymn “Building Bridges” Words by the Women of the Greenham Common Peace

Occupation in England, Music: Contemporary English Quaker Round

Chalice Lighting —

We light our chalice flame

*For those who lived their lives in closets of shame;
For those who furtively visited the bars, where nobody knew your name;
For the Stonewall riot—and the fierce transwomen who fought;
For the plague, which still takes far too many, too young, too soon.*

*So many gone. So many never lived to see
Out gay kids singing on TV
Out gay people serving in the military
Marriage equality
Families formed by intention*

*We light our chalice flame for all these,
and for all our siblings of the rainbow,
surviving,
living life out,
in the open,
with Pride. (Lori Gorgas Hlaban)*

CONNECTING

Covenant

In the light of love, let us renew our covenant as we say together:

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.*

DEEPENING

Deepening Music – #1053, How Could Anyone. Words and Music by Libby Roderick

Candles of Community

Stones of Reflection -- (instrumental interlude)

Pastoral Response

Sung Response Music #371 from a Genevan Psalter, Words #381 by Isaac Watts

Wisdom Story “Introducing Teddy” by Jessica Walton,
illustrated by Dougal Macpherson

Singing Youth to Class We Love You and Bless You by RevAmy Carol Webb

Heritage and Hope

Offering / Offertory #402, From You I Receive Words & Music by Joseph & Nathan Segal

Message – STAY AWAKE for RAINBOWS (LGBTQ+ Equity)
Aka, “What’s In A Name?”

SENDING

Closing Music – #170, We Are a Gentle Angry People Words and Music: Holly Near

Closing Words

Extinguishing Chalice

Announcements for the Life of the Community

Invite to Zoom and Live Hospitality

Sending/Shine on

Music Reprise