Order of Service

Sunday, March 23,2025

**Vernal Equinox**

**I Know this Rose Will Open:**

**Breakdown or Breakthrough at the Vernal Equinox**

GATHERING

Morning Sing

#389, Gathered Here

#1009, Meditation on Breathing Words and Music by Sara Dan Jones

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

Ringing of the Chimes

Prelude  #1007, There’s a River Flowin’ in My Soul. RevAmy Carol Webb and Gary Gonzalez

Welcome Andy Bunce

Call to Worship “this most amazing day” (e.e. cummings)

Theme Hymn “Cuando el Pobre” [When the Poor Ones] Hymn #1027 Words [Spanish]: José

Antonio Oliver; [English] Martin A. Seltz; Music: José Antonio Oliver and Miguel Manzano

Chalice Lighting .

*In this season light and darkness dance*

*as Sun claims Earth once more*

*we light this flame*

*for life renewed*

*for hope reborn*

*for the return again*

*of Spring. (Webb)*

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 #396, I Know This Rose Will Open

Candles of Community

Stones of Reflection (instrumental interlude)

Pastoral Response

Sung Response Music #370 from a Genevan Psalter, Words #381 by Isaac Watts

Wisdom Story “Greta and the Giants” Karen Gonzalez

(by Zoë Tucker; Illustrations by Zoe Persico)

Singing Youth to Class

Heritage and Hope

Growing the Beloved Community (Welcome New Members!)

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

Why We Give Kristine Barkley

How We Give APD Chair/s

Message I Know this Rose Will Open: Breakdown or Breakthrough?

A Vernal Equinox Celebration

SENDING

Closing Music #38, Morning Has Broken

(words: Eleanor Farjeon, music: Gaelic melody)

Closing Words

Extinguishing Chalice

Announcements for the Life of the Community

Invite to Zoom and Live Hospitality

Sending/Shine on

Music Reprise