

ORDER OF SERVICE
July 8, 2012

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Come Sunday" Ellington

CALL TO MINDFULNESS William F. Schulz/Ralph Waldo Trine

CHALICE LIGHTING Christine Robinson (adapted)

We gather this hour as people of faith
With joys and sorrows, gifts and needs.

We light this beacon of hope,
sign of our quest
for truth and meaning,
for abundant kindness and wisdom
in celebration of the ever changing
life and love we share together.

CANDLES OF JOY AND SORROW

*HYMN #338 "I Seek the Spirit of a Child"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "Friends in the Desert"
CHILDREN'S DEPARTURE "As You Go"

As you go may joy surround you;
As you go, go in peace.
Know our love is with you always, as you go, as you go.

READING Anne Frank

AFFIRMATION OF THE COVENANT

Love is the doctrine of this church, the quest for truth its sacrament, and service its prayer.
To dwell together in peace, to seek knowledge in freedom,
to serve humanity in fellowship,
to the end that all souls shall grow into Harmony with the Divine:
Thus do we covenant with one another and with the source of our being.

OFFERTORY "Andante" Mendelssohn

PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION

"Make of Your Life A Prayer
Alla Renee Bozarth (adapted)
"Spirit of Life"

RESPONSE: #123

Played once on the piano or organ, sung the second time through.

Spirit of Life, come unto me. Sing in my heart, all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea, move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close, wings set me free, Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

RESPONSIVE READING "Containers of Divine Love" Joyce Rupp (adapted)

*HYMN #344 "A Promise through the Ages Rings"

SERMON "Welcoming All Things in Our Lives" Gary Shapiro

*HYMN #128 "For All That is Our Life"

CONGREGATIONAL COMMISSION Hosea Ballou

If we agree in love, there is no disagreement that can do us any injury;
but if we do not, no other agreement can do us any good.
Let us endeavor to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace. Amen.

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CHALICE

Leader: *When you're walking in the dead of night
And your soul is churning
When your hope seems out of sight
Keep the candle burning
With this in mind, we extinguish this particular flame now*

People: **But we carry its warmth and light within us until we meet again.
All it takes is one steady heart in a world that's turning
Shine a light and pierce the dark
Keep the candle burning
Keep the candle burning**

BENEDICTION Lauralyn Bellamy

POSTLUDE "The Heavens are Telling" Haydn

**The congregation is invited to rise*

Thank you to our guest speaker Gary Shapiro, a member of our congregation.
Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall
for coffee and conversation after the service.