ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 12, 2020 10:30 AM Join Online Zoom Meeting:

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GATHERING

Invocation

Rev. Dr. Andy Burnette, Senior Minister

Chalice Lighting

We kindle this flame, symbol of our faith, for the light of truth, the warmth of community, and the fire of love which calls us to work for justice.

Welcome

Mary Rothschild, Worship Associate

*Hymn

Lo, the Earth Awakes Again

Katie Seiferth, Music Minister

TIME FOR ALL AGES

Message

Marci Beaudoin, Director of Faith Formation

OFFERING

Offertory Words

Rev. Andy

CENTERING

*Hymn

Lo, the Day of Days Is Here

Katie

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Andy

Special Music The Beauty of the Earth

Katie

THEME

Sermon

Rev. Andy

BLESSINGS ON OUR WAY

*Closing Hymn Now the Gre

Now the Green Blade Riseth Katie

Extinguishing the Chalice (our usual words are below, to be read in unison):

Though we extinguish the chalice, our connection to each other and this community remains. May its light guide us this week as we walk the path of justice, speak words of love,

and fill our world with compassion until we meet again.

Benediction Rev. Andy

SONG LYRICS

Lo, the Earth Awakes Again Music by Lyra Davidica, Words by Samuel Longfellow

Lo, the earth a-wakes a-gain-Al-le-lu-ia!
From the win-ter's bond and pain.
Al-le-lu-ia!
Bring we leaf & flower & spray,
Al-le-lu-ia!
To a-dorn this hap-py day.
Al-le-lu-ia!

Once a-gain the word comes true, Al-le-lu-ia!
All the earth shall be made new.
Al-le-lu-ia!
Now the dark, cold days are o'er, Al-le-lu-ia!
Spring and glad-ness are be-fore.
Al-le-lu-ia!

Change, then, mourn-ing
In-to praise,
Al-le-lu-ia!
And, for dirg-es, an-thems raise.
Al-le-lu-ia!
How our spir-its soar and sing,
Al-le-lu-ia!
How our hearts leap
with the spring!
Al-le-lu-ia!

Lo, the Day of Days Is Here Music by Robert Williams, Words by Frederick Lucian Hosmer

Lo, the day of days is here, Al-le-lu-ia! Fes-ti-val of hope and cheer! Al-le-lu-ia! At the south-wind's gen-ial breath Al-le-lu-ia! Na-ture wakes from seem-ing death, Al-le-lu-ia!

Fields are smil-ing in the sun,
Al-le-lu-ia!
Loos-ened stream-lets sea-ward
run,
Al-le-lu-ia!
Ten-der blade and leaf ap-pear;
Al-le-lu-ia!
'Tis the spring-tide of the year,
Al-le-lu-ia!

Lo, the Eas-ter-tide is here,
Al-le-lu-ia!
Mu-sic thrills the at-mo-sphere.
Al-le-lu-ia!
Join, you peo-ple all, and sing
Al-le-lu-ia!
Love and praise and thanksgiv-ing,
Al-le-lu-ia!

For the Beauty of the Earth Music by Conrad Kocher, Words by Folliott Sandford Pierpoint

For the beau-ty of the earth, For the splen-dor of the skies, For the love which from our birth O-ver and a-round us lies:

Source of all, to thee we raise This, our hymn of grate-ful praise. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's de-light, For the mys-tic har-mo-ny Link-ing sense to sound and sight:

Source of all, to thee we raise This, our hymn of grate-ful praise.

For the won-der of each hour, Of the day and of the night, Hill and vale and tree and flower, Sun and moon and stars of light:

Source of all, to thee we raise This, our hymn of grate-ful praise.

For the joy of hu-man care, Sis-ter, broth-er, par-ent child, For the kin-ship we all share, For all gen-tle thoughts and mild:

Source of all, to thee we raise This, our hymn of grate-ful praise.

Now the Green Blade Riseth
Music by Medieval French carol,
Words by John MacLeod
Campbell Crum

Now the green blade ris-eth From the bur-ied grain, Wheat that in dark earth Man-y days has lain; Love lives a-gain, That with the dead has been: Love is come a-gain like Wheat that spring-eth green.

In the grave they laid him,
Love by ha-tred slain,
Think-ing that nev-er
He would wake a-gain,
Laid in the earth,
Like grain that sleeps un-seen:

Love is come a-gain like Wheat that spring-eth green.

When our hearts are win-try, Griev-ing, or in pain, Love's touch can call us Back to life a-gain, Fields of our hearts That dead and bare have been: Love is come a-gain like Wheat that spring-eth green.