

August 21, 2022

10:00 AM

Gathering

Prelude

Cornet Solo

From a collection
compiled by E. Kendall
Sanghee Kim, organ

Land Acknowledgement, Welcome & Announcements

Susan Avery, Worship Committee

Greet Your Neighbor

Opening Words & Chalice Lighting by A. Foerster & G. Beach

*** Hymn #188** *Come, Come, Whoever You Are*

Come, come, whoever you are,
wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving.
Ours is no caravan of despair.
Come, yet again come.

Centering

*** Covenant and Affirmation**

Love is the spirit of this church,
and service its law.

This is our great covenant:
To dwell together in peace,
to seek the truth in love,
and to help one another.

From all that dwell below the skies
let words of love and peace arise.
Let joyful songs of praise be sung,
through every land, by every tongue.

Joys and Sorrows

Prayer or Meditation

by G. B. McKeeman

*** Hymn #322** *Thanks Be for These*

1. Thanks be for these, life's holy times,
moments of grief, days of delight;
triumph and failure intertwine,
shaping our vision of the right.

* *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

2. Thanks be for these, for birth and death;
life in between with meaning full;
holy becomes the quickened breath;
we celebrate life's interval.
3. Thanks be for these, ennobling art,
images welcome to our sight;
music caressing ear and heart,
inviting us to loftier height.
4. Thanks be for these, who question why;
who noble motives do obey;
those who know how to live and die;
comrades who share this holy way.
5. Thanks be for these, we celebrate;
sing and rejoice, our trust declare;
press all our faith into our fate;
bless now the destiny we share.

Exploring

Reading

*Trans Magic Harry
Potter Blackout Poetry*

by Marissa Evans
Acting Director of
Religious Education

Sharing Our Gifts

Potter Waltz

P. Doyle
Sanghee Kim, piano

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This month we share our weekly offering with 3LPlace, Cultivate Care Farm, & Maynard Anti-Racism Alliance (MARA). **3LPlace** provides community and opportunity to people living with autism and other developmental disabilities on a journey of life-long learning. **Cultivate Care Farm** in Bolton offers groups for teens and pre-teens, with lots of support for LGBTQ+ kids, to make friends and talk about animals. **MARA** provides anti-racist education in the greater Maynard area, and celebrates artists, educators, and others who have been marginalized by racism.

Sermon *Harry Potter and the Curse of the Author*
Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Returning

* **Hymn #320** *The Pen Is Greater*

1. The pen is greater than the sword.
To wield a blade or write a word
we need the skill which hands accord.
2. A surgeon takes a knife to heal;
assassins do the same to kill.
Each acts according to their will.
3. I pick the cherries from a tree,
or break the branch and let it die.
For good or ill, my hands are free.
4. With fingers I can soothe a brow,
or make a fist and strike a blow,
kindness or cruelty bestow.
5. Then let us now this lesson see:
like life itself our hands can be
for evil used, or charity.

* **Benediction**

* **Closing Song**

Peace be with you 'til we meet again!
As life lays its task before you,
keep love's banner floating o'er you.
Peace be with you 'till we meet again.

Postlude *Uptown Jazz* L. Clarke
Sanghee Kim, piano



Childcare is provided for children in 5th grade and under.
Children may proceed directly to child care
before the beginning of the service.

Thank you to Jenni Edgerton and Joe Stadolnik, tech and zoom
helpers, and to our participants, staff, volunteers, and leadership

* *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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