

Joy and Celebration



Still Discerning!

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Welcome Home

How can we be joyful in a time like this? Perhaps this is the wrong question. For people of faith and conscience, the better question is how can we NOT be joyful in a time like this?

Gathering of Spirits— Word and Song

Gathering Music and Prelude

Shared by Our Great Band

Welcome and Announcements

Shared by Rev. Ken heintzeman

Singing Our Faith

Joyful, Joyful

Text by Henry Van Dyke

Music by Ludwig Van Beethoven

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, God of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, Opening to the
sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of
doubt away;

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n
reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken
praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow,
flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in
thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy
rest!
God, Creator, Christ, Redeemer, all who live in love are
thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy
divine.

4. Mortal, join the mighty chorus; stars of morning,
take your part;
Love divine is reigning o'er us, binding those
of tender heart;
Ever singing, moving onward, loving in
the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song
of life.

Call to Worship and Passing the Peace

Led by Forrest Bachtel

Please stand if you're comfortably able.

One: We are moved to awe and wonder at the grandeur,
the poetry, the richness of natural beauty.

All: It fills us with joy and thanksgiving.

One: To wonder with heart and mind,
is worship of the truest kind.
To watch from depths within one's soul
enables Love and Joy to make us whole.

**All: It is time to voice our deep content.
It is time to give our strong assent.
The Spirit thrives in all that lives.
The Spirit loves, the Spirit gives!**

One: Let us greet each other as a sign of the Spirit's joy.

Sharing of Spirits—Giving and Celebrating

Celebrations Led by Lois Beberniss

This is our time to share the celebrations of our lives: birthdays,
anniversaries, words of kindness and works of peace and justice.

- Introductions of Staff and Board

Celebrate your heart and your spirit,
Celebrate your life while you live it.

Even when it's hard to do,
Celebrate the best of you.

Celebrate your dreams and your visions,
Celebrate the love you've been given.
Cherish all that you've been through,
Celebrate the best of you.

Prayers of the Community

Offered by Rev. Liana Rowe

Invitation to Give

Led by Forrest Bachtel

One: Let each of us find a window

All: To see beyond our own enclosures.

One: Let each of us find a door

All: To open ourselves into new being.

One: Let us each find a plate and a basket to give
expression to our generosity.

Offertory

Shared by The Cornerstone Choral

Sing Joy

by Mac Huff

Feeding of Spirits with the Word About Life

Word About Life

Shared by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

The Word About Life for Today

Shared by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

The Parting of Spirits and Loving the World

Words for Mission by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

One: Eternal Light, shine in our hearts.

Eternal Power, be our strength.

Eternal Wisdom, guide us as we serve you and the world.

Eternal Goodness, you have drawn us to your heart and united us in this fellowship called Shadow Rock.

All: Now grant that with all our hearts, and minds, and strength,

We all may evermore be sensitive and responsive to your current work in the midst of our history.

One: And finally, by your infinite Spirit of Life and Love, grant us wisdom as we seek to perceive and respond to Your will for our spiritual home and our future together.

All: Help us to keep the needs of every member and of the greater community in our minds and hearts through every step of our discernment process.

One: In the spirit of the core values of inclusion, justice, and spirituality we pray. These are the times!

All: We are the people.

One: All Creation is blessed.

All: May we love all and serve all.

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Amen.

All: Amen.

Sending Forth Song

Peace like a River

Traditional

1. I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul. (Repeat)
2. I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul. (Repeat)
3. I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul. (Repeat)
4. I've got peace like a river, I've got love like an ocean,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul. (Repeat)

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