

# THE GREAT RETURN!



Still Discerning!

August 4, 2019

## **Gathering Music and Prelude**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Ken Heintzelman

### **Singing Our Faith**

Please stand if comfortably able

### **There is Room for All**

(Sing two times)

There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;  
There is room for all sheltered in God's love.  
And I rejoice and sing,  
"My refuge and my rock in whom I trust."  
There is room for all  
There is room for all.

### **The Peace**

Led by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

Let us greet each other as a sign of God's peace and of our shared friendship.

### **Celebrations and Hospitality Story Time**

Led by Rev. Ken Heintzelman and Carol Shipman

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

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.

## **Bread, Wine, and Invitation to Share**

Led by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

We return from our Sabbath time to eat and drink together at the Table of Unity. This simple and profound act reminds us of the deeper aspects of human fellowship. We are connected to each other, to the gifts of our planet and to the Spirit of Life and Love from whom all blessings flow. The sharing of bread and wine has been a universal symbol of community. May we find strength and grace for the journeys of our lives. To the table the Spirit bids us come. Let us pray.

One: Spirit of Life and Love, You have set the places,  
You have poured the wine, and there is always  
room, You say, for one more.

**All: And so we come from the streets and the  
alleys, we come.**

One: From the deserts and from the hills, we come.

**All: From the ravages of poverty and from the places of privilege, we come.**

One: Running, limping, carried, we come.

**All: We are bloodied with our wars,  
We are wearied with our wounds,  
We carry our dead within us,  
And we reckon with their ghosts.**

One: We hold the seeds of healing,  
We dream of a new creation,  
We know the things that make for peace,  
And we struggle to give them wings.

And yet, to Your table, **We come.**

Hungering for Your bread, **We come.**

Thirsting for Your wine, **We come:**

Singing Your song in every language,

Speaking your name in every tongue,

In conflict and in communion,

In discord and in desire.

**All: We come,  
O God of Wisdom,  
We come.**

## **Communion Song**

Led by The Cornerstone Chorale

## **Companions On The Journey**

by Carey Landry

**Chorus (Choir sings verses and everyone sings the chorus)**

**We are companions on our journey,**

**Breaking bread and sharing life.**

**In the love we bear is the hope we share**

**For we believe in the love of our God.**

**Yes, we believe in the love of our God.**

## **Prayer of Thanks**

Offered by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

## **Offerings and Offertory**

Shared by the Cornerstone Chorale  
(Y'All Come Sing)

## **Uma Familia**

by Jay Althouse

## **Dedication of Our Offerings**

Led by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

**One:** By our smallest actions, we become part of a bigger world. The smallest giving can be an expression of the good spirit of generosity and caring.

**All:** **May we and these gifts be used to build a foundation of inclusion, justice and spirituality. Amen.**

## **Special Music**

Shared by Our Great Band

## **Teach Your Children Well**

# The Word About Life for Today

Shared by Rev. Ken Heintzleman

## Words For Mission

Led by Rev. Ken Heintzleman

One: Hold in your heart the certainty  
that the spirit of life is with you always.

**All: When our hearts are torn asunder  
or when we soar with sweet joy,  
we are never alone, never apart  
from the spirit that resides within us,  
that guides our lives and cherishes us  
always.**

One: These are the times

**All: We are the people.**

One: All of 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

*Circles*

by Harry Chapin

## **Chorus:**

**All my life's a circle, sunrise and sundown.  
The moon rolls thru' the night-time,  
Till the daybreak comes around.  
All my life's a circle, but I can't tell you why.  
The seasons spinning 'round again,  
The years keep rolling by.**

1. It seems like I've been here before,  
I can't remember when,  
But I've got this funny feeling  
That I'll be back once again.  
There's no straight lines, make up my life  
And all my roads have bends.  
There's no clear cut beginnings,  
And so far no deep ends.

## **Chorus**

2. I've found you a thousand times,  
I guess you've done the same,  
But then we'll lose each other,  
It's just like children's games.  
And as I see you here again  
The thought runs thru' my mind.  
Our love is like a circle,  
Let's go 'round one more time.

## **Chorus**

# Church Staff and Worship Teams

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**Our Great Band**

Joe Garcia, Percussion  
Dave Robinson, Guitar  
John Willis, Bass Guitar  
Travis Meyers, Keytar

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Peter Johnston, Greg Rampley,  
Roy Zaborowski, Peg Hesley,  
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