

***"I said to the Almond Tree, '  
Sister, speak to me of God.'  
And the Almond Tree blossomed."  
~Nikos Kazantzakis***

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# ***We Connect With Each Other***

## **Prelude**

Our Great Band

## **Greeting and Announcements**

Rev. Ken Heintzelman

## **Call to Worship**

Led by Donna Stepp

One: We come together from our separate lives, each of us bringing our concerns, our preoccupations, our hopes, and our dreams.

**All: We confess: we are not yet fully present. Getting ready, meal planning, family concerns... the details of life cling to us. Our bodies hold on to the rush as worship begins.**

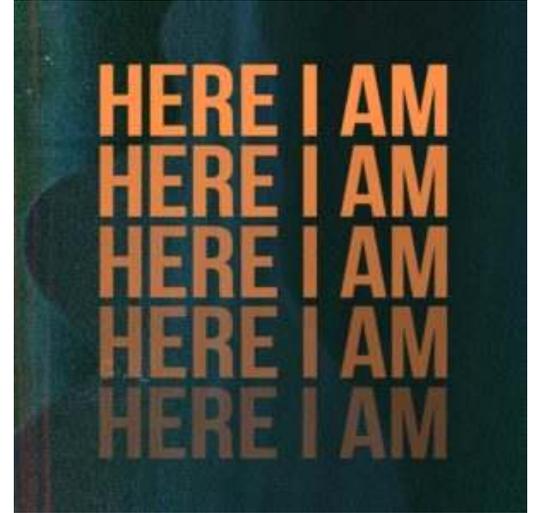
One: It is now time to let go of these pressures and really arrive. In the silence, we say to ourselves, "Here I am."

### **(silence)**

One: Come into this place, where the ordinary is sanctified, the human is celebrated, the compassionate is expected.

**All: Together we make it a holy place with our every act of celebration.**

One: We make it a holy place by sharing peace with one another.



# Passing the Peace

Rev. Ken Heintzelman

We gift one another with encouragement, connection, and the good spirit of celebration.

## **Singing Our Faith**                      It's the Work of Many Hands

1. One by one we gather here for such a time as this  
To celebrate with joyful hearts our holy heritage,  
People with a mission, anchored in our faith,  
Following the Spirit's call in every time and place.

### **Chorus**

**It's the work of many hands,  
It's the sound of many voices,  
It's the love of many hearts that make a church.  
(repeat)**

2. Singing, praying, serving now, and speaking from  
the heart,  
All of us have special gifts that make us who we are.  
Hopeful and united as one community,  
Growing with each other in God's human family.

### **Chorus**

3. Keep searching the horizon here for evidence of grace.  
The gospel message comes alive when others  
you embrace.  
So feed the hungry, help the homeless, let your  
spirits soar.  
Let the love of Jesus Christ live in you more and more.

### **Chorus**

# What We Need and What We Give

## Celebrations

Rev. Ken Heintzelman and Travis Meyers

**I feel good** (echo) I feel good

**I feel great** (echo) I feel great

**I think it's time** (echo) I think it's time

**To celebrate** (echo) to celebrate

**Whether it's your birthday, anniversary, or you're just having a good day**

**We're glad you're here** (echo) we're glad you're here

**To celebrate** (echo) to celebrate

**We celebrate** (echo) We celebrate

**Your being here** (echo) your being here

**With being itself in history** (echo) history

**No matter who, or what, or where you are on the journey of life**

**You're welcome here** (echo) you're welcome here

**To celebrate**

**We're glad you're here** (echo) we're glad you're here

**To celebrate**

Yeah!

## Invitation to Give

Shared by Donna Stepp

Our celebrations continue as we prepare to give out of our sense of gratitude and abundance. Our faith tells us: God blesses all gifts and all givers. We trust that this is part of the goodness of life.

## Offertory

## Let the People of God Go Singing

Shared by the Cornerstone Chorale

By Ken Medema

## Dedication of Offering

Shared by Donna Stepp

**It's a simple thing that we do: baskets moving from hand to hand. It doesn't feel like a spiritual thing. And yet, we affirm that our offerings are prayers, moving out into the world, furthering our values of inclusion, justice and spirituality.**

## Learning Something of Value

### Word About Life—Matthew 5: 33-37

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

*You have heard it said... But I say...*



# Word About Life for Today

Shared by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

## Words for Mission

Shared by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

One: We create a web of life that begins right here at Shadow Rock. This is finally the time to let go of that crazy notion that we can live separate and aloof from one another.

**All We create a web of life that begins right here in Arizona. Even though we are departing, this is the time in which we can come home to each other and to our mutual belonging.**

One: We create a web of life here on this planet, out of which every single one of us can use everything our stories have given us. These are the times.

**All: We are the people.**

One: All of Creation is blessed!

**All: May we love all and serve all!**

One: May God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Amen.

**All: Amen**



1. Guide my feet while I run this race,  
Guide my feet while I run this race,  
Guide my feet while I run this race,  
For I don't want to run this race in vain!
  
2. Hold my hand while I run this race,  
Hold my hand while I run this race,  
Hold my hand while I run this race,  
For I don't want to run this race in vain!
  
3. Stand by me while I run this race,  
Stand by me while I run this race,  
Stand by me while I run this race,  
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

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