A House Not Made With Hands

Sunday, October 5, 2025

CHIMES AND WELCOME

PRELUDE

Clair de Lune (excerpt) by Claude Debussy

LIGHTING THE CHALICE

“Yesterday, Tomorrow and Today”

\*OPENING HYMN

No. 361, Enter, Rejoice and Come In

\*OUR COVENANT

*Love is the doctrine of this faith,*

*The quest for truth is its sacrament,*

*And service is its prayer.*

*To dwell together in peace,*

*To seek knowledge in freedom,*

*To serve human need,*

*To the end that all souls shall grow into*

*harmony with the Divine.*

*Thus do we covenant with one another*

*and love beyond belief.*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Be ours a religion*

*Which like sunshine goes everywhere,*

*Its temple, all space; its shrine, the good heart,*

*Its creed, all truth; its ritual, works of love.*

STORY *Dear Wild Child: You Carry Your Home Inside You* by Wallace J. Nichols

CHILDREN’S RECESSIONAL

*For we shall go out in joy,* (2x)

*And come back in peace.* (2x)

*Blessed be.*

**READING**

What We Need Is Here by Wendell Berry

**REFLECTION**

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OFFERTORY

Offertory Music

Reverie (excerpt) by Claude Debussy

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MEDITATION

For A New Beginning by John O’Donohue

SHARING OF JOYS & SORROWS

Stones & Water Ritual

Hymn No. 123, Spirit of Life (instrumental only)

Prayers of the People

Response: *There is a love holding you*

Closing Response

Leader: May we all know that we are not alone as we hold one another in our hearts.

All: *There is a love holding me,*

*There is a love holding you,*

*There is a love holding all.*

*We rest in this love.*

\*CLOSING HYMN

No. 1008, When Our Heart Is In A Holy Place

\*CLOSING WORDS

By Amy Zucker Morgenstern

\*EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

*We extinguish this flame,  
But not the light of truth,  
The warmth of community,  
Or the fire of commitment.  
These we carry in our hearts  
Until we are together again.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

**Service Participants:**

Melissa O’Brien, Service Leader

Linda Giancola, Worship Associate

Art Holmberg, Board Member

Jenn Pratt, Care Team

Judith Thomas, Music Director

**Thanks Also To**: Our Hospitality and Tech Support Teams

OPENING HYMN #361, Enter, Rejoice and Come In

*Enter, rejoice, and come in.*

*Enter, rejoice, and come in.*

*Today will be a joyful day;*

*enter, rejoice, and come in.*

*Open your ears to the song.*

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*Today will be a joyful day;*

*enter, rejoice, and come in.*

*Open your hearts ev'ryone.*

*Open your hearts ev'ryone.*

*Today will be a joyful day;*

*enter, rejoice, and come in.*

*Don't be afraid of some change.*

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*Today will be a joyful day;*

*enter, rejoice, and come in.*

*Enter, rejoice, and come in.*

*Enter, rejoice, and come in.*

*Today will be a joyful day;*

*enter, rejoice, and come in.*

CLOSING HYMN #1008, When Our Heart Is In A Holy Place

Chorus: *When our heart is in a holy place, when our heart is in a holy place, We are bless’d with love and amazing grace, when our heart is in a holy place.*

*When we trust the wisdom in each of us, ev’ry color ev’ry creed and kind, And we see our faces in each other’s eyes, then our heart is in a holy place.*

*Chorus*

*When we tell our story from deep inside, and we listen with a loving mind, And we hear our voices in each other’s words, then our heart is in a holy place.*

*Chorus*

*When we share the silence of sacred space, and the God of our Heart stirs within, And we feel the power of each other’s faith, then our heart is in a holy place.*

*Chorus*

In memory of Jane Goodall

