

Order Of Service – January 24, 2021

Likeness to God

Music for Contemplation:

1. *Green & Pleasant Land*, words by William Blake, arranged & performed by Alex Cumming

2. *Lament for Lost Friends*, by A. Cumming, performed by Alex Cumming & Nicola Beazley

2. *Morris Set. Traditional*, arranged & performed by The Teacups

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Sound of the Bell

Prelude: *How Can I Keep From Singing?*, performed/arranged by Alex Cumming. Composed by Robert Wadsworth Lowry.

Opening Words: “Camas Lilies” by Lynn Ungar, from *Bread and Other Miracles*

Welcome

Chalice Lighting: words by George G. Brooks, from *Worship Web*

Covenant

Love is the heart of this church.

We commit to:

Being a diverse, welcoming community of mutual care and respect;

Supporting each other's spiritual journey and search for truth and meaning;

Promoting justice and serving the wider community.

We hold ourselves to this promise with compassion and understanding.

Hymn: *Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life*, words by George Herbert, music by Ralph Vaughan Williams (*Singing the Living Tradition* #89), performed by Alex Cumming & Valerie Thomforde

Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a way as gives us breath,
such a truth as ends all strife, such a life as killeth death.

Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a light as shows a feast,
such a feast as mends in length, such a strength as makes a guest.

Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a joy as none can move,
such a love as none can part, such a heart as joys in love.

Candles of Joy, Sorrow and Milestones

Meditation, words by Dorotheos of Gaza (adapted)

Offering: *This Too Shall Pass*, Performed & Arranged by The Teacups at
www.theteacups.co.uk

Reading: "Impassioned Clay" by Ralph N. Helverson, from *Singing the Living Tradition*

Hymn: *Ubi Caritas*, author: unknown, music by Jacques Berthier, from *Singing The Journey* #1048. Performed by Alex Cumming

Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

(Translation of Latin: Where charity and love abound, God is there).

Sermon: "Likeness to God"

Hymn: *This Little Light of Mine*, words and music: African American spiritual (Singing the Living Tradition #118). Performed by Alex Cumming & Valerie Thomforde.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go

Building up a world ...

Closing Words by Robert Mabry Doss, from *Singing the Living Tradition*

Postlude: *Jigs*, J Wrigley/L. Bichan . Performed by Bellwether. at <http://www.bellwetherband.com/>

*Question for coffee-hour discussion: Do you have a relationship with the Sacred?
If so, how would you describe it?*