

# Order Of Service – February 7, 2021

## ***The Bread of Friendship***

**Music for Contemplation:** *February Sea, Blossom / Meadow, and Reflection*, by George Winston, from the album *Winter Into Spring*, 1982. Photos by Steve Schmidt, Joseph Walters, Susan Jhirad and Andey Amata, and © Soul Matters.

### **Sound of the Bell**

**Prelude:** *Andante*, Russell Tripp, organist, composer Charles Frederick Abel (1720-1783) arr. for organ by Charles Goodban.

**Opening Words:** words by Marni P. Harmony from *Exaltation*

### **Welcome**

**Chalice Lighting:** words by Michael Leunig from *When I Talk to You*

### **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, Sing a Song with Me*, words & music by Carolyn McDade (*Singing the Living Tradition*, #346). Vocalist Alex Daum, pianist Molly Ruggles.

Come, sing a song with me, come, sing a song with me,  
come, sing a song with me, that I might know your mind.

And I'll bring you hope when hope is hard to find,  
and I'll bring a song of love and a rose in the wintertime.

Come, dream a dream with me...

Come, walk in rain with me...

Come, share a rose with me...

## **Candles of Joy, Sorrow and Milestones**

**Meditation:** *The Breath of Life Is Not Mine Alone* by Kristen L. Harper from *Worship Web*

**Offering:** *Mourning Dove*, Composed performed by Molly Ruggles.

**Reading:** “For Friendship” from *To Bless the Space Between Us* by John O’Donohue

**Special Music:** *You’ve Got a Friend* by Carole King, pianist/vocalist Molly Ruggles

**Sermon:** *The Bread of Friendship*

**Hymn:** *Lean on Me*, words & music by Bill Withers (*Singing the Journey*, #1021). Performers, UUCM choir tenors & basses, pianist Molly Ruggles.

Sometimes in our lives we all have pain, we all have sorrow.  
But if we are wise we know that there’s always tomorrow.

Lean on me when you’re not strong and I’ll be your friend,  
I’ll help you carry on, for it won’t be long ‘til I’m gonna need  
somebody to lean on.

If there is a load you have to bear that you can’t carry,  
I’m right up the road, I’ll share your load if you just call me.

Lean on me when you’re not strong ...

Just call on me brother when you need a hand.  
We all need somebody to lean on.  
I just might have a problem that you’d understand.  
We all need somebody to lean on.

**Closing Words:** words by Frederick E. Gillis from *Singing the Living Tradition*, #694

**Postlude:** *Take My Hand*, by Toto.

*Question for coffee-hour discussion:*

What are some of the ways that friendship shows up in your life?