

Order Of Service – May 2nd, 2021

Why We Don't Celebrate International Workers Day, and Why We Should - Susan Jhirad

Music for Contemplation: *Amazing Grace, Prayers From the Forest, and Wind Spirit* by Bill Miller. Photos by Steve Schmidt and Susan Jhirad, and © Soul Matters.

Sound of the Bell

Prelude: *Scarf Dance*, Composer Cecile Chaminade, pianist Molly Ruggles.

Opening Words: "What Work Is" by Philip Levine, read by Michael Glenn

Welcome

Chalice Lighting: by Adrienne Rich (*Singing the Living Tradition* #463)

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: *Just as Long as I Have Breath*, words by Alicia S. Carpenter, music by Johann G. Ebeling (*Singing the Living Tradition*, #6). Vocalists Nancy Kurtz, Michael Glenn, Carole Bundy, Brendan Shea, Molly Ruggles, Daric Dalfino, Brendan O'Brine, and Dana MacNamee.

Just as long as I have breath, I must answer, "Yes," to life;

though with pain I made my way, still with hope I meet each day.

If they ask what I did well, tell them I said, "Yes," to life.

Just as long as vision lasts, I must answer, "Yes," to truth;
in my dream and in my dark, always: that elusive spark.
If they ask what I did well, tell them I said, "Yes," to truth.

Just as long as my heart beats, I must answer, "Yes," to love;
disappointment pierced me through, still I kept on loving you.
If they ask what I did best, tell them I said, "Yes," to love.

Candles of Joy, Sorrow and Milestones

Silent Meditation

Offering: *Mourning Dove*, composer and pianist Molly Ruggles

Special Music: *Bread and Roses*. Original theme by mill worker Rose Scheiderman (1912), lyrics by James Oppenheim, music by Mimi Farina. Performed by Linda Schwetz, vocals and Brendan Shea, guitar.

Reading: "The Secretary Chant" by Margie Piercy, read by Margery Gans

Reflections: *Why We Don't Celebrate International Workers Day, and Why We Should*

Hymn: *Building a New Way*, words & music by Martha Sandefer; arr. Jim Scott. Piano and vocals by Molly Ruggles (*Singing the Journey*, #1017).

We are building a new way (3x)
feeling stronger ev'ry day,
We are building a new way.

We are working to be free (3x)
hate and greed and jealousy.
We are working to be free.

We can feed our every need (3x)
Start with love, that is the seed.
We can feed our every need.

Peace and freedom is our cry (3x)
Without these this world will die.
Peace and freedom is our cry.

Closing Words: “When All the People” by Mo-Tse (*Singing the Living Tradition* #601)

Postlude: *9 to 5*, Composed by Dolly Parton. Pianist Molly Ruggles