

Order Of Service – May 30, 2021

Life Goes On

Will McMillan

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: “Whistle a Happy Tune,” music by Richard Rodgers and words by Oscar Hammerstein. Pianist Molly Ruggles.

Opening Words: “Let Us Worship” by Kenneth L. Patton, *Singing the Living Tradition* #437

Welcome

Chalice Lighting: “Struggle and Joy” by Vance Bass

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: “For All That Is Our Life,” *Singing the Living Tradition* #128. Words by Bruce Findlow, music by Patrick L. Rickey. Vocalist Will McMillan, pianist Molly Ruggles.

For all that is our life we sing our thanks and praise;

for all life is a gift which we are called to use

to build the common good and make our own days glad.

For needs which others serve, for services we give,
for work and its rewards, for hours of rest and love;
we come with praise and thanks for all that is our life.

For sorrow we must bear, for failures, pain and loss,
for each new thing we learn, for fearful hours that pass:
we come with praise and thanks for all that is our life.

For all that is our life we sing our thanks and praise;
for all life is a gift which we are called to use
to build the common good and make our own days glad.

Candles of Joy, Sorrow and Milestones

Meditation

Offering: “Mourning Dove” by Molly Ruggles

Sermon and Music: *Life Goes On*

“Life Goes On” by Stephen Schwartz, pianist Doug Hammer

“New Words” by Maury Yeston, pianist Doug Hammer

“Another Good Morning” by Will McMillan, pianist Doug Hammer

Hymn: “Amazing Grace,” *Singing the Living Tradition* #205. Music Virginia Harmony, words by John Newton. Vocalists Will McMillan, Carole Bundy, and Molly Ruggles.

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
‘tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we’ve no less days to sing love’s praise than when we’d first begun.

Closing Words: “Let Us Sing the Magic of Imagination” by Susan L. Van Dreser

Postlude: “Pure Imagination” by Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newley. Pianist Molly Ruggles, photos by Carole Bundy and Molly Ruggles.