

An asterisk () indicates times when you are invited to stand. Selections in BOLD are responses spoken by the congregation.*

Welcome and Announcements

Deacon

Prelude

Through a Sunlit Window
Carl Simone

Norman McFarlane

Call to Worship

Deacon

One: Let us worship our God with our whole heart; let us sing God's praise.

Many: Let us give thanks to God for his steadfast love and faithfulness, for great is God's glory.

One: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for us; God's steadfast love endures forever.

Many: In this truth, we will worship God.

***Gathering Hymn**

Let the Whole Creation Cry

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Prayer of Gathering (*in unison*)

Deacon

Morning by morning you awaken us, O God,

day by day you show us your wondrous love.

Your Word falls fresh upon our listening ears,

we heed your wisdom and are renewed in our faith.

You surround us with your majesty;

we are struck by your goodness as we are refreshed in your Spirit.

Come, dwell among us, and through Christ let us praise you. Amen.

Morning Psalm, a paraphrase of Psalm 8, for the stewardship of creation

Deacon

One: Many-Named One: you are beyond imagining—

When we contemplate the night sky, the cosmos which all unfolded from a speck, galaxies, stars, this beautiful earth—

Many: Who are we humans, that you attend to us? mere mortals in our tiny corner, and you love us?

One: We are alive when we come to knowing and feeling. The whole world is in our hands — plants and animals, oceans and ice caps, rain forests, atmosphere, and ecosystem.

Many: Touch our hearts, O God; make us worthy of this trust. Help us care for life on this beautiful earth. For you, O Many-Named-One, are beyond imagining.

Stewardship Moment

Heather Sinon

Message for All God's Children

Sarah Pradhan

Joy and Concern cards will be collected by the Deacons

Sing "This Little Light of Mine" as Children proceed to Sunday School.

Scripture

Rev. Lorain Giles

As we hear the words of scripture

Let us listen in the words for the Word of God.

Isaiah 43: 1-7

The grass withers and the flower fades

But the Word of God shall stand forever

Sermon

“What’s Your Name?”

Rev. Lorain Giles

Choir Anthem

Day by Day, from “Godspell”

Stephen Schwartz (words attributed to Richard of Chichester (13th Century))

Prayers of the People for the World

Rev. Lorain Giles

Lord in your mercy

All: hear our prayers.

The Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Lorain Giles

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

Bring Many Names

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***Benediction**

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;

Be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;

Render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;

Support the weak; help the afflicted;

Honor all people; love and serve God;

Rejoicing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God,

And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen

***Parting Song**

God Be With You ‘Till We Meet Again (modified)

God be with You till we meet again.

By God’s counsels guide, uphold you.

God will place arms all around you.

God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude

The Festive Trumpet

Norman McFarlane

Bryan Glyncannon

Leading worship this morning is the Rev. Lorain Giles, a retired United Church of Christ minister. Over the span of her career, she served churches in Shelburne and Hadley, Massachusetts; Yarmouth, Maine; and Lyme, New Hampshire. She and her husband Bill, a retired high school biology teacher and coach—and, more importantly, Bob Giles’s brother—live in South Hadley, Massachusetts.