

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

OUT OF COURTESY & RESPECT, PLEASE TURN OFF/MUTE
CELL PHONES, AND OTHER DEVICES. THANK YOU!

*Rising together in community, as we are able.

+Music for Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Chalice Lighting

Invocation

*Opening Hymn # 38 “Morning Has Broken”

*Responsive Reading # 645 “Song of the Open Road”

*Congregational Covenant (Unison)

*Love is the spirit of this church and service is its law.
This is our great covenant: to dwell together in peace,
To seek the truth in freedom, and to help one another.*

*Greeting the Holy in Our Midst

Stewardship Witness: Alyssa Church

Message for All Ages: Stone Soup

Children’s Benediction (sung in unison)

*Go now in peace; go now in peace.
May the Spirit of Love surround you,
Everywhere, everywhere, you may go*

Communion of Names and Pastoral Prayer

+ Silence and Musical Meditation

*Hymn of Reflection # 95 “There is More Love Somewhere”

Readings

“Fate vs. Free Will” - A. Thomas Hawkins

“Free Will and Fate” – Alfred Austin

Dr. James N. Cotten

**Offertory

*Congregational Response - “We are One, We are Many” (*onscreen*)

Sermon: “Deciding to Be Free” - Guest Speaker, Dr. James N. Cotten

*Closing Hymn # 118 “This Little Light of Mine”

*Extinguishing the Chalice (Unison)

*We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth,
the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment:
These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.*

*Benediction

(Please be seated)

Postlude: “There is More Love Somewhere”

Fellowship and Refreshments (Founders Hall)

Church Chats (Sermon Discussion) (Sanctuary)

+(After the silence, please feel free to come forward and light a candle)

**Offering: This church is supported by the pledges of our members and friends. The offering provides an additional opportunity for expressing generosity by those attending today’s worship.

OUR SHARED MINISTRY THIS MORNING

Worship Leader: *Dr. James N. Cotton*

Worship Associate: *Sam Mount*

Worship Facilitator: *Cheri Naquin*

Interim Dir. Relig. Education: *The Rev. Jennifer Innis*

Ushers: *Jim Hinton, Rob Hight and Mike Robinson*

Flowers:

Musician: *Duane Mortensen*

Membership Representatives: *June Bruns, John Snyder and Stan Darnell*

Audio/Visual Technician: *David West*

Fellowship: *Families whose last name falls between Hicks-Hunt
thru Laenger*

Next Sunday – April 15 – “Steps Toward Freedom” – Rev. Patrick Price