

# 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:** "Yonder Come Day" arr. Judith Cook Turner

**Call to Worship**

**Chalice Lighting**

**Invocation**

**\*Opening Hymn #1054, "Let This Be a House of Peace" (insert)**

**\*Responsive Reading** from *The Fifth Sacred Thing*, Starhawk

**\*Greeting the Holy in Our Midst**

**Stewardship Celebration:** Dick Hildenbrand

**\*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**

**Dance-along for All Ages:** "One Drop of Water,"  
Banana Slug String Band

**Deep Thoughts:** "21 Laws of Nature as Interpreted  
by My Children," by Brian Doyle

**Anthem:** "Like a Mighty Stream" by Moses Hogan & John Jacobson

**Reading:** from "The Ecology of Prayer," Fred Bahnson

**Pastoral Prayer/Communion of Names**

**+ Silence and Musical Meditation**

**\*Hymn of Reflection: # 1007** "There's a River Flowin' in My Soul"  
(insert)

**\*\*Offertory:** "Songs by the River" arr. Gary E. Parks

**Offering Response** (on screen)

## The Story of the Water Communion

### Water Communion: Introduction & Sharing the Waters

*Part 1: Drought*

*Part 2: The Waters That Carry Us*

*Part 3: The Water of Storms*

*Part 4: The Waters that Sustain Us*

### Blessing the Waters

Your Response: *"This water is sacred. Our community is sacred."*

**\*Closing Hymn:** "Blue Boat Home," 1064

**\*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:** "Like a Mighty Stream" (Reprise)

**Fellowship and Refreshments** (Founders Hall)

**Church Chats** (Sermon Discussion) (Sanctuary)

**+After the silence,** please feel free to come forward & 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 Associate: *Elena Westbrook*

Board Member on duty: *Alyssa Church*

Ushers: *Jim Hinton and Rob Hight*

Flowers: *In celebration of Lionel and Donna Bening's wedding anniversary*

Musicians: *Christopher Wolff, Community Church Choir*

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

Audio/Visual Technician: *David West*

Fellowship: *Families whose last name falls between West and Zoeller or Baillie and Brackmann*

**Next Sunday, September 15 – "House on Fire! What's Happening to Our World? – Guest Speakers – various CUUC members.**