Order of Worship - November 26, 2023

Ringing of the Opening Chime

Welcome and Announcements

Invitation to Worship

New Membership Ceremony

Emily Roper

Prelude

**Opening Words** 

Laurie Garland

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Charlotte Droogan Jessica Roper

The Rev. Ms. Denise Tracy

Carolyn Patterson Opening Hymn, Gray #1 "May Nothing Evil Cross This Door"

**\*\***Unison Chalice Lighting

Laurie Garland

We light this chalice this morning for the sweetness of our daily living and for the bitterness we all experience as we live. We affirm that life has both elements And it is our faith that sustains us through them both.

\*\*Covenant Laurie Garland Love is the Doctrine of this Church. Our beliefs are as individual as those who believe. To Learn, to Serve, and to Live in Peace, This is the Flame we Carry, This is our Covenant.

Time for the Young at Heart

The Rev. Ms. Denise Tracy

\*\* - indicates to please stand if you are able and willing

Reading The Rev. Ms. Denise Tracy "Bablinger's Flight" by Robert Fulghum

The Rev. Ms. Denise Tracy Sermon "Bittersweetness: A Theology of Balance"

Offertory

Joys and Concerns

Laurie Garland

Spoken Meditation Bill Decker "We Need One Another" by George Odell

Musical Meditation, Gray #123 Carolyn Patterson "Spirit of Life"

\*\*Closing Hymn, Gray #212 Carolyn Patterson "We Are Dancing Sarah's Circle"

Blessing/Holding the Light

The Rev. Ms. Denise Tracy

**\*\***Chalice Extinguishing: Laurie Garland Carry the Flame of Peace and Love Until We Meet Again.

Postlude

Carolyn Patterson

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