

## Order of Worship – January 7, 2024

Please use the included card to write the name of loved ones and friends who passed away in 2023. The names will be read during today's service.

Ringing of the Opening Chime                      Scott Marshall

Welcome and Announcements                      Scott Marshall

Invitation to Worship                                Scott Marshall

Prelude     Lorna Mae Ehlert

Opening Words, Gray #568                      Responsive Reading  
"Connections are Made Slowly" by Marge Piercy

Opening Hymn, Gray #38                         Lorna Mae Ehlert  
"Morning Has Broken"

**\*\*Unison Chalice Lighting**                      Scott Marshall

This morning we light this chalice  
because we are in the long line of human beings,  
those who came before us and those who will come after us,  
which are part of human living on this earth.  
May this light illumine the power of human life and human  
belief. May we be inspired to live the best life  
we can while we are here on this earth.

**\*\*Covenant**    Scott Marshall

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  
"Smile for Mrs. Cochran"

Reading     The Rev. Ms. Denise Tracy  
"Some Things will Never Change" by Thomas Wolfe

Sermon     The Rev. Ms. Denise Tracy  
"Goodbye 2023"

Offertory     Lorna Mae Ehlert

Calling of the Names                                The Rev. Ms. Denise Tracy

Joys & Sorrows                                        Scott Marshall

Spoken Meditation                                 Bill Decker  
"A Common Destiny" by David Eaton

**\*\*Closing Hymn, Gray #103**                      Lorna Mae Ehlert  
"For All the Saints"

Blessing & Holding the Light                      The Rev. Ms. Denise Tracy

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

Postlude     Lorna Mae Ehlert

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