

MORNING WORSHIP

August 4, 2024

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Prelude *We Are the World*

by Lionel Richie & Michael Jackson

Unison Chalice Lighting by Pat Uribe-Lichty

We come from many places— along different paths, bringing different truths. We come with different histories and different realities, And yet we come together as one people— with faith that we can use our differences to heal ourselves, and each other, to bring wholeness to a fractured world. We come, seeking to find community, to find acceptance of who we are. In this place we may find others who are much like us, and others who are much different. May our lit chalice remind us that we are a people taught by different stories, with many voices but always one people, working for a world where love creates justice, and justice gives birth to peace.

Opening Hymn #1017 *Building a New Way*

A Time for All Ages

(Sing our youth to their classes: #413 *Go Now in Peace*)

Reading Excerpt from *Ways of Being: Animals, Plants, Machines: The Search for a Planetary Intelligence* by James Bridle

Candles of Joys and Sorrows

(Congregation Sings #123 *Spirit of Life*)

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon *What Do We Make of Our AI Future?* Jimmy Reeves

Closing Hymn #301 *Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky!*

Share the Plate – Cape Fear Bird Observatory

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Offertory *A Whole New World* by Alan Menken & Tim Rice

Doxology #402 *From You I Receive*

Closing Words

Extinguishing the Chalice (in 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.

Shalom (please join together)

Shalom, my friends,
Shalom, my friends,
Shalom. Shalom.
“Til we meet again,
“Til we meet again,
Shalom. Shalom.

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