

Benediction

May the glory of the passing away
of autumn
lie about us
fresh gold
for a time.

And when the dark comes, and the cold
may we remember how today we stand in glory,
how we walk in bounty
heaped upon earth's dark carpet,
how we move knee deep in abundance
flung against night's winter curtain.
We are thankful its coming
and for its passing.
Let it be.

—Barbara J. Pescan

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.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Coffee Hour & Discussion of the Sermon



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“More Better Religion”



Led by Darrel Moellendorf

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Love is the doctrine of this church.
The quest for truth is its sacrament.
And service is its prayer.

Prelude

"Anthem" (by Leonard Cohen, performed by Teresa & Michael Zink)

Chalice Lighting

Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that.
—Martin Luther King, Jr.



First Hymn

"Come, Come, Whoever You Are" (#188, *Singing the Living Tradition*)

First Reading

For the expanding grandeur of creation, worlds known and unknown, galaxies beyond galaxies, filling us with awe and challenging our imaginations:
We give thanks this day.

For the fragile planet earth, its times and tides, its sunsets and seasons:
We give thanks this day.

For the joy of human life, its wonders and surprises, its hopes and achievements:
We give thanks this day.

For our human community, our common past and future hope, our oneness transcending all separation, our capacity to work for peace and justice in the midst of hostility and oppression:
We give thanks this day.

For high hopes and noble causes, for faith without fanaticism, for understanding of views not shared:
We give thanks this day.

For all who have labored and suffered for a fairer world, who have lived so that others might live in dignity and freedom:
We give thanks this day.

For human liberty and sacred rites, for opportunities to change and grow, to affirm and choose:
We give thanks this day.

We pray that we may live not by our fears but by our hopes, not by our works but by our deeds.
—O. Eugene Pickett "We Give Thanks This Day"

Sharing of Joys and Concerns



Second Hymn

"My Life Flows on in Endless Song" (#108, *Singing the Living Tradition*)

Story for All Ages

"Dumpy La Rue" (by Elizabeth Winthrop, illustrated by Betsy Lewin)

In unison:

Go now in peace, go now in peace. May the spirit of love surround you,
everywhere, everywhere you may go.

Offertory

Second Reading

This being human is a guest house.
Every morning a new arrival.
A joy, a depression, meanness,
some momentary awareness comes
as an unexpected visitor.
Welcome and entertain them all!
Even if they are a crowd of sorrows,
who violently sweep your house
empty of its furniture,
still, treat each guest honorably.
He may be clearing you out
for some new delight.
The dark thought, the shame, the malice.
meet them at the door laughing and invite them in.
Be grateful for whatever comes.
because each has been sent
as a guide from beyond.
—Jelaluddin Rumi "The Guest House"

Meditation

Sermon

"More Better Religion" (by Darrel Moellendorf)



Third Hymn

"For All That Is Our Life" (#128, *Singing the Living Tradition*)