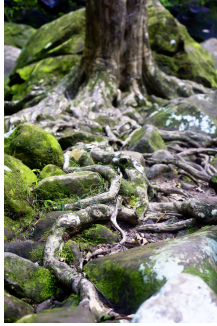


ORDER OF SERVICE
Sunday August 28, 2022, 10:15 am
“Thirsty Roots: Water Celebration Sunday”



Rev. Sally Fritsche
Rev. Karen Bush
Rose St. Clair, REE Coordinator
Juan Camacho, Piano
Avalon Ruby, AV Tech

Prelude “I’ve Got Peace Like a River” Tradition American Spiritual, arr. by Mark Hayes

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement Rev. Sally Fritsche

Chalice Lighting The Spirit of Water, by Katie Gelfand

We light this chalice as a symbol of reunion.
We reunite in this sanctuary to share the flow of our hearts with one another.
We gather together in ritual
to celebrate our fountains of joy
to hold each other through storms of grief
to guide one another through rapids of transformation
to rest together on ponds of stillness.
Together, we honor the spirit of water, its many forms, and its life-giving essence.

Part 1. Planting the seeds

Hymn #100 “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

Time for All Ages “Planting our Principles,” Rose St. Clair

REE Community Matters Sylvia McDermott

Part 2. Watering the roots

Water Ritual “Nuvole Bianche” by Ludovico Einaudi

Hymn #1007 “There’s a River Flowin’ In My Soul”

Part 3. Sharing the fruit

Shared Joys & Sorrows “The Water is Wide,” American Folk Song arranged by Mark Hayes, M.R. Rowland vocalist, Juan Camacho, piano

Choir Anthem “River Song” by Cynthia Gray

As I walked one morning near the river's flowing tide,
I could hear it call to me, "come rest by my side."
So I stopped and lingered as the stream surged a long.

From the depths it sang to me.
It poured out this song.

Oh the waters rise and the waters fall.
They blindly race to the sea.
What lies ahead is uncertain, behind, mere memories.
Yet, beautiful life upon the banks gives meaning to this journey without end.
One with space and time in a never ending rhyme, beauty fills my soul again.

Then the song was over.
I looked out beyond the shore.
There, my world gazed back at me, grander than before.
Time be kind and gentle.
Keep that vision clear and strong, that my days be ever touched by the river song.

Closing Words & Chalice Extinguishing

Postlude "River Flows In You" by Lee Ru-ma