THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

PLEASE TURN OFF/MUTE CELL PHONES, AND OTHER DEVICES

*Rising together in community, as we are able.

Music for Gathering
Welcome and Announcements
Prelude “Common Ground” by Ivan Linz, Paul Winter, and Jim Scott

Chalice Lighting
Invocation "This Dangerous Bastion"

*Opening Hymn: #347 “Gather the Spirit”

*Responsive Reading: #445, "The Womb of Stars" by Joy Atkinson

*Congregational Covenant (Unison)
   Love is the spirit of this church and service is its law.
   This is our great covenant: to dwell together in peace,
   To seek the truth in freedom, and to help one another.

*Greeting the Holy in Our Midst

Message for All Ages “The Rainforest Song”, by Jim Scott

Children’s Benediction (sung in unison)
   Go now in peace; go now in peace.
   May the Spirit of Love surround you,
   Everywhere, everywhere, you may go

Communion of Names and Pastoral Prayer
+ Silence and Musical Meditation “I Am Waiting”, by Jim Scott

*Hymn of Reflection: “With Every Story Told”, by Jim Scott

Reading: Peace Talk in the Garden

Words for Offering

Offertory “The Oneness of Everything”, by Jim Scott

Congregational Response: “We Are One, We Are Many”
   We are one, we are many in a welcoming place
   In the dreams we accomplish, we find our grace,
   In one world connected by nature so vast
   We now plant these blessings, may they ever last
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Sermon: “Gaia, Mother Earth, and the Oneness of Everything”
   Guest Speaker – Jim Scott

*Closing Hymn: “May Your Life Be as a Song”, by Jim Scott

*Extinguishing the Chalice (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.

*Benediction
   Postlude (Please be seated)

Fellowship and Refreshments (Founders Hall)
Church Chats (Sermon Discussion) Sanctuary

+ After the silence, please feel free to come forward and light a candle

Offering: This church is supported by the pledges of our members and friends. The offering provides an additional opportunity for expressing generosity by those attending today’s worship.

OUR SHARED MINISTRY THIS MORNING

Guest Speaker & Musician: Jim Scott
Worship Associate: Jeannette Baillie
Musicians: Susy Gulley with CUUC Choir song leaders
Chalice Lighter: Noah Eubanks
Board Member on Duty: Tom Brikowski
Ushers: April Emmert, Bev Fleming and Andra Garcia
Flowers: In honor of Kathy Emmert’s birthday, Feb. 1
Membership Representatives: Pam Reinke Walter, Kimberly Meadows and Michael Meadows
Audio/Visual Technician: David West

Next Sunday, February 10 – Guest Speaker – Bonnie Cook.