

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

OUT OF COURTESY & RESPECT, PLEASE TURN OFF/MUTE
CELL PHONES, AND OTHER DEVICES. THANK YOU!

*Rising together in community, as we are able.

+Music for Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude:

Call to Worship

Chalice Lighting

Invocation

*Opening Hymn: "How Could Anyone" (see insert)

*Responsive Reading: "Together In A Sacred Space" (insert)

*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: "I Like Myself" written by Karen Beumont

Anthem: "Somewhere is My Memory"

from Home Alone, arr. Mark Hayes

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 Prayer

+ Silence and Musical Meditation:

*Hymn of Reflection: "We Begin Again in Love" (see insert)

Reading: "Personal Spiritual Trainers" by Nathan C. Walker

**Offertory: "Christmas Canon of Peace" arr. Ruth Morris Gray

Offering Response - "We are One, We are Many" (onscreen)

Sermon: "A Funeral for Shame"

Guest Speaker – Matt Pargeter-Villarreal

*Closing Song: "True Colors" (see insert)

*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

(Please be seated)

Postlude: "Somewhere is My Memory" (Reprise)

Fellowship and Refreshments (Founders Hall)

Church Chats (Sermon Discussion Sanctuary)

+(After the silence, please feel free to come forward & 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: *Matt Pargeter-Villarreal*

Worship Associate: *Jen and Steve Mason*

Board Member on duty: *Kimberly Schramm*

Chalice Lighter: *Miya Churchill Rabebi*

Ushers: *Jim Hinton and Rob Hight*

Flowers: *Provided by Jo Howser*

Musicians: *Community Church Choir & Christopher Wolff*

Membership Representatives: *June Bruns, John Snyder and Stan Darnell*

Audio/Visual Technician: *David West*

Fellowship: *Families whose last name falls between Nickols and Roggenkamp*

Next Sunday – December 15 - "Wassail, Y'all: A Texas Yule Service", Guest Speaker and musician Kiya Heartwood.