

Waters of Justice

January 25, 2026

The word "justice" has a narrow application in many minds. At most, it refers to ideals of fairness, righteousness, and moral goodness. But it is more often used to speak only of judgment of wrongdoers and punishment for evil deeds. There is a religious precedent; Amos 5 is mostly about negative judgment and punishment. The words of [Amos 5:24](#) invoke instead the desire of God that justice and righteousness should flow constantly and powerfully, not just in rituals but in everyday actions, promoting equality and honoring human rights.

Service Leader: Rev. Thomas Perchlik
Celebrant: Rita Salama

Gathering the Community

Pre-service Announcement Loop

Gathering Music: Ken Hunnicutt

Welcome: Rita Salama

-Announcements

Land Acknowledgement:

Affirming Our Connections

Opening Congregational Song: #170. "We are a Gentle Angry People"

Call to Worship: Rev. Thomas Perchlik

Chalice Lighting: "The Sacred Power of Justice" words by Jami Yandle

We light this flame

To ignite the sacred power of justice.

We light this flame

So that it may be a beacon of hope.

In moments of uncertainty, surrounded by the unknown,

We light this flame,

And are emboldened by its blaze,

Shining with the many ways we answer the call of Love.

May it remind us of our strength

As a prophetic and powerful people.

Centering

Time For all Ages: "Higgins: A Drop with a Dream" By Christopher Buice

Singing the Children to Class:

Now, go with each other to find meaning in the spirit of love that we share.

Sharing and Honoring: Rev. Thomas Perchlik

Reflective Music: Ken Hunnicutt

Silent Meditation or Prayer: Rev. Thomas Perchlik

Seeking Wisdom & Inspiration

Sermon: "The Waters of Justice" Reverend Thomas Perchlik

Musical Response: "Distant Land" by John Rutter

Returning to the World

Offering: Rita Salama

Offertory Music: Ken Hunnicutt

Closing Congregational Song: STLT #1017, "Building a New Way"

Benediction: Rev. Thomas Perchlik

Chalice Extinguishing:

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 and embody in our lives,

Until we are together again.

Closing Song: "Carry the Flame"

Coffee Hour

[Send your offering via PayPal!](#)

A special "Thank You" goes to:

Service Leader: Rev. Thomas Perchlik

Celebrant: Rita Salama

Speaker: Reverend Thomas Perchlik

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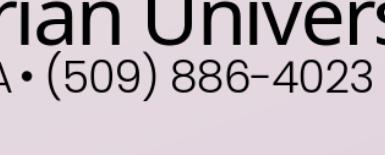
Announcement Loop: Hideo Fujita

Zoom Host: Peggy Ludwick

Coffee Host: Mary & Lynn Madsen

Care Team: Mary Madsen

Religious Educators: Marisol Lyons & Laura Mrachek



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