



July 12, 2026

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As David Mallett says, "tis the season of clover and kildeer, tis the time when the earth does her best."

Summer is often glorious, a time when nature invites us to slow down and appreciate her beauty. Join us for a celebration of the season and an exploration of Joy.

Gathering the Community

Pre-service Announcement Loop

Gathering Music: "Glorious" by Ma Muse

Welcome words by Rumi

Announcements

Land Acknowledgment words by Geswanouth Slahoot, aka Chief Dan George

Affirming Our Connections

Opening Congregational Song: "Morning Has Broken" by Eleanor Farjeon

Call to Worship words by E.E. Cummings

Chalice Lighting: "Joy and Power That Grow" by Jami Yandle

*We light this chalice
for the quiet truths we carry,
and for the futures we're brave enough to write.*

*In this circle, we honor
the courage it takes to live openly,
the softness that sustains us,
and the joy and power that grow when we gather.*

*As the chalice glows,
may we feel steadiness rise in us.*

*May we trust that our becoming—
messy, radiant, unfolding—wholly belongs to us.*

Centering

Time for All Ages:

- "The Garden Song" by David Mallett
- "All God's Critters" by Bill Staines

Singing the Children to Class:

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

Readings from Oscar Wilde, D.H. Lawrence, & Catherine Pierce

Sharing and Honoring

Reflective Music: "The Skye Boat Song," Traditional

Silent Meditation or Prayer

Seeking Wisdom & Inspiration

Sermon: The Joy of Summer

Musical Response: "Lookin' for the Heart of Saturday Night" by Tom Waits

Returning to the World

Offering

Offertory Music: "What a Wonderful Life" by George Weiss & Bob Thiele

Closing Congregational Song: "Chant for the Seasons" by Mark Belletini

Benediction words by John Muir

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

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