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Service Leader and Celebrant: Rita Salama
Speakers: Allen Dietz, Kathy Baillie, & Richard Knudson

Gathering the Community

Pre-service Announcement Loop
Gathering Music—Lynn Madsen
Welcome—Rita Salama
Announcements
Land Acknowledgement

Affirming Our Connections

Opening Congregational Song: “Somewhere to Begin” by T. R. Ritchie

*People say to me: You must be crazy,
How can you ***sing** in times like these?
Don't you read the news? Don't you know the score?
How can you **sing** when so many people grieve?
And people say to me: What kind of fool believes
That **songs** will make a difference in the end?
By way of a reply I say: A fool such as I,
Who sees a ***song** as somewhere to begin.
A ***song** is somewhere to begin
To search for something worth believing in.
If changes are to come
There are things that must be done.
And a ***song** is somewhere to begin.
dream *love

Call to Worship: “Invitation to Join the Journey” by Lyn Cox
Chalice Lighting:

*In the light of truth,
and the warmth of love,
we gather to seek, and seek to share.*

Centering

Time For all Ages: “Attitude is Everything”

Singing the Children to Class:

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

Sharing and Honoring

Reflective Music: “Deep Peace” by Sara Thomsen

*Deep peace of the rolling waves to you
Deep peace of the silent stars
Deep peace of the blowing air to you
Deep peace of the quiet earth
Let peace, let peace, let peace fill your soul
May peace, may peace, may peace keep you whole*

Silent Meditation or Prayer

Seeking Wisdom & Inspiration

Introduction: “Our Attitudes and What We Believe Matters”—Rita Salama

Program: “This I Believe”—Allen Dietz, Kathy Baillie, & Richard Knudson

Returning to the World

Offering

Offertory Music: Lynn Madsen

Closing Congregational Song: “Turning of the World” by Ruth Pelham

*Let us sing this song for the ***turning** of the world
That we may turn as one
With every voice, with every song, we will move this world along
And our lives will feel the echo of our ***turning**
With every voice, with every song, we will move this world along
With every voice, with every song, we will move this world along
And our lives will feel the echo of our ***turning**
loving *healing *dreaming

Benediction:

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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