



October 4, 2026

Service Leader: Rev. Amy Zucker Morgenstern

Celebrant: Deb Miller

In the 1988 movie *Bull Durham*, the catcher Crash Davis advises his fastball-pitching protege: “Strikeouts are fascist. Throw some ground balls. It’s more democratic.” It proves that even way back then, the term “fascism” was overused, hurled at anyone who was overly controlling—and not usually with the tongue-in-cheek humor of this movie. But as over- and misused as the term is, fascism is real and operating in our country today. So what is a lover of freedom to do? This morning’s service is a hope- and joy-filled guide to recognizing fascism when we see it, and sending it scuttling back into the dank pits of history from which it emerged. Come sing and rejoice!

Gathering the Community

Pre-service Announcement Loop

Gathering Music: Blues improvisation

Prelude: “Arlington” by Wailin’ Jennys

Welcome: Rev. Amy Morgenstern

Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

Affirming Our Connections

Opening Congregational Song: “All You Fascists Bound to Lose” by Woody Guthrie

Call to Worship: “On the Brink” by Leslie Takahashi – Rev. Amy Morgenstern

*All that we have ever loved
And all that we have ever been
Stands with us on the brink
Of all that we aspire to create:
A deeper peace,
A larger love,
A more embracing hope,
A deeper joy in this life we share.*

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:

Singing the Children to Class: (optional)

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

Sharing and Honoring

Reflective Music: “River of Thought” by Heather Pierson

Silent Meditation or Prayer

Seeking Wisdom & Inspiration

Sermon: “Faith, Fear, and Fascism: A Joyful Alternative” – Rev. Amy Morgenstern

Musical Response: “Storm Comin’” by Wailin’ Jennys

Returning to the World

Offering

Offertory Music: Improvisation

Closing Congregational Song: “I’m Gonna Walk It With You” by Ellie Grace & Brian Claflin

Benediction: Rev. Amy Morgenstern

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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