

Order of Service October 2, 2022

# Why Community?

**Prelude:** Piotr Anderszewski – J.S. Bach: Well-Tempered Clavier, Book 2: Prelude and Fugue No. 12 in F Minor

**Introduction / Announcements / Welcome**

**Opening Words:** RESPONSIVE READING

**Chalice Lighting**

*"We light the chalice as a reminder that together we are a beacon in the desert. May its light led the way to love, acceptance and justice as we strive for personal and societal transformation."*

**Opening Hymn:** Come, Sing a Song with Me (STLT 346)

**In Our Hearts**

**Story for All Ages:** Storytelling by Erin Mara

**Speaker:** Kem Tetlow

**Offering and Invitations**

The Pride Tree ([LINK](#)) - The Pride Tree is a non-profit organization that provides after school and summer programming to LGBTQ+ youth in the greater Las Vegas area. We believe that as the stewards of the future, it is our responsibility to provide safe and inclusive spaces for education, growth, exploration, and fun.

*"With gratitude for the abundance in our own lives, we give for the life of this congregation and the benefit of the larger community."*

**Speaker:** Ariel Sublett

**Hymn:** Lean on Me (STJ 1021)

**Speaker:** Erin Mara

**Hymn:** When I am Frightened (STJ 1012)

**Speaker:** Mark Bergholdt

**Closing Song:** Spirit of Life (STLT 123)

## Closing Words

It's Hard Work by [Rosemary Bray McNatt](#)

## Extinguish the Chalice

*"We release that which was called with love and gratitude, and we extinguish the flame, but not our commitment to being a beacon in the desert. This burns brightly until we gather again."*

## Departing Words