

ORDER OF SERVICE 01/08/2023

The Center Is Needed Now

with The Reverend Gordon Clay Bailey and Mark Bergtholdt

Prelude

Welcoming Words with Mark Bergtholdt

Ringing of the Worship Bell

Chalice Lighting with Mark Bergtholdt

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

Opening Words/Invocation with The Reverend Gordon Clay Bailey

Voices from the Margins, River Call, Manish K. Misra-Marzetti

Land Acknowledgment with Mark Bergtholdt

*Opening Hymn/Song - #123 Spirit of Life SLT

Sharing of our Covenant: Unison Reading

Story for All Ages: I Like Myself by Karen Beaumont, David Catrow (Illustrator)

Of Our Hearts with Mark Bergtholdt

Pastoral Reflection with The Reverend Gordon Clay Bailey

505 SLT

*Pastoral Hymn - #1064 Blue Boat Home StJ

Offering and Invitations with Mark Bergtholdt

The Offering this month is shared with Nevadans for the Common Good ([LINK](#))

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

Reading with Mark Bergtholdt

#120 Erika Hewitt, Lifting our Voices

Sermon with The Reverend Gordon Clay Bailey

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***Closing Hymn/Song:** #1054 Let This Be a House of Peace StJ

Call to Action with Mark Bergtholdt

Benediction with The Reverend Gordon Clay Bailey

#684 SLT

Extinguish the Chalice with Mark Bergtholdt

Congregational Response:

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.

Closing with Mark Bergtholdt

Next week's service is **The Urgency of Now: Reflecting On MLK- Centering Justice.**

Postlude

Media for 01/08/2023

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<https://youtu.be/HVp8DtaWUVo>

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