

Liturgies

Our inclusive language liturgies generally set the structure and theme of Sunday morning worship. Since announcements are an integral part of our life together, we offer some [guidelines](#) for those who make announcements towards the end of worship.

2024 Advent Liturgy: Hoping for What We Don't See

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Hope is not wanting: no, not that self-centered.

Hope is trust in grace unseen,
already there, already unfolding,
the seed beneath, the child within.

Hope is surrender to a greater movement,
acceptance that I am the thread
and the tapestry is vast.

Hope is confidence in spring as winter approaches.

Hope is belief in the fullness of time.

Hope is knowing in death and suffering
there is a healing presence.

Hope is patience, letting grace take its time.

Hope is planting ourselves in a future
that exists only in our acting:
raising children, loving enemies, planting trees.

Hope is awaiting the One Who is Here.

– Steve Garnaas-Holmes, “We Live by Hope,”

<https://unfoldinglight.net/2019/12/09/gjylxrs66zw2w78jgp8jb93j85spj7/>

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2024 Jubilee Liturgy: Telling the Deeper Truth

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**2024 Recommitment Liturgy: Be
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It is the opening of eyes long closed.
It is the vision of far off things
seen for the silence they hold.
It is the heart after years
of secret conversing
speaking out loud in the clear air.

It is Moses in the desert
fallen to his knees before the lit bush.
It is the man throwing away his shoes
as if to enter heaven
and finding himself astonished,
opened at last,
fallen in love with solid ground.

[David Whyte](#), "The Opening of Eyes," *River Flow*, p.31

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2024 Summer Liturgy: Grounded in Love

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The empires of the world depend on force. They have come and gone; and the ones that now exist will follow in their turn. ... Jesus, at his ascension, was given by the creator God an empire built on love. As we ourselves open our lives to the warmth of that love, we begin to lose our fear; and as we begin to lose our fear, we begin to become people through whom the power of that love can flow out into the world around that so badly needs it. And as the power of that love replaces the love of power, so in a measure, anticipating the last great day, God's kingdom comes, and God's will is done, on earth as it is in heaven. N.T. Wright, *Following Jesus*, p. 111

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2024 Trinity Liturgy: Only Human?

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2 Corinthians 4:7-11, *Common English Bible*

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