

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.

[2023 Lent: It Depends on Faith](#)

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Religion declined not because it was refuted, but because it became irrelevant, dull, oppressive, insipid. When faith is completely replaced by creed, worship by discipline, love by habit; when the crisis of today is ignored because of the splendor of the past; when faith becomes an heirloom rather than a living fountain; when religion speaks only in the name of authority rather than with the voice of compassion – its message becomes meaningless.

– Abraham Joshua Heschel,
God in Search of Man: A Philosophy of Judaism, p. 3



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[2023 Epiphany: Showing the Way](#)

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*Maybe you will not be called
With the coal held to your lips,
The rush of wings of
Ambitious angels
Covering you. ...
But maybe you will be called by
Fallen mustard seeds and
Open-eyed dreams.
Maybe you will be called by
The ordinary and the striking,
The places where your heart catches
More than once. ...
Maybe you will know that
Your call is no less real
Because it comes with
Seeds in your hand
And the taste of fruit in your mouth,
With a sound so soft
It could have just been the breeze,
But wasn't.*

– Laura Martin

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*Christ climbed down
from His bare Tree
this year
and softly stole away into
some anonymous Mary's womb again
where in the darkest night
of everybody's anonymous soul
He awaits again
an unimaginable*

*and impossibly
Immaculate Reconciliation
the very craziest
of Second Comings*

Lawrence Ferlinghetti, from A Coney Island of the Mind



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2022 Jubilee: Deep Hope

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Hope is an orientation of the heart... The more unpropitious the situation in which we demonstrate hope, the deeper that hope is... [Without hope] it is impossible to live in dignity and meaning much less find the will for the 'hopeless enterprise' which stands at the beginning of most good things.

Vaclav Havel, Disturbing the Peace, pp. 181-182

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2022 Reccommitment: Becoming Faithful

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In the struggle to become Christ's Body, we have only one weapon and one alone: Love... Love is what first softened your heart and mine. Love brought us into the struggle. Love alone

has the power to break hearts open so that we will all lay down our defenses and join in the cosmic movement toward a new heaven, a new earth, in a Holy City whose foundation is Love.

Gordon Cosby,

Seized by the Power of a Great Affection: Meditations on the Divine Encounter, p. 41

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