

## ORDER OF SERVICE

"Thus we bind ourselves to walk together in the paths of love to grow our souls and stand against everything that would diminish the human spirit."

- from COR Chalice Lighting Unison Reading by bc

PRELUDE **Andante Maestoso** – Gustav Holst, arr. for River Ringers with Jennifer Alejo, flute; Buss McCormick, trumpet; in honor of our teachers

INTROIT **Come, Come Whoever You Are** - text adapted from Rumi

CHALICE LIGHTING Number 493 (Tashi Wischmeyer, Chalice Lighter)

\* HYMN Number 44 (standing) **We Sing of Golden Mornings**

\* RESPONSIVE READING (standing) **Celebrating Our Teachers** (insert)

\* SONG OF EXALTATION (standing) Genevan Psalter, 1551

**All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing ye to God with cheerful voice;  
Come serve with mirth, God's praise forth tell.  
Join ye together and rejoice. Amen.**

RECOGNITION OF TEACHERS, MINISTRY TEAM & GRADUATES

\* INTERLUDE **Over the Rainbow** - Israel Kamakawiwo-ole  
River Ringers with Buss McCormick, guitar & Rick Crenshaw, mandolin

READING *Bone* - poem by Mary Oliver

THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION

MOMENTS OF SILENCE (A time for contemplation and prayer.)

ANTHEM **For the Beauty of the Earth** - John Rutter

OFFERTORY **Like a River Glorious** - J. Mountain, arr. D. Wyrzten

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*HYMN Number 123 (standing) **Spirit of Life**

SERMON **Enemies of the Spirit**  
The Reverend Burton D. Carley

CHORAL RESPONSE **Amen** - Peter K. Lutkin

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE **Prelude** from **Suite Bergamasque** - C. Debussy

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\* Persons arriving late may be seated at these times.

**Large Print or Braille Hymnals, and Assisted Hearing Devices** may be requested from the ushers.

**Web Site:** Check out our website at [www.churchoftheriver.org](http://www.churchoftheriver.org). You will find relevant information about our church, including a calendar and the weekly newsletter. On the website you can click on the Facebook and Twitter icons to engage with us on those two social networking for the latest news and discussions about the Church of the River.

**To receive the newsletter and/or have a nametag**, please visit the welcoming table at the back of the church to sign our guest register. Welcoming team members have YELLOW name tags.

**A Crying Room is available** in the Beacon Room (library) of the Channing Wing. You can hear the service while rocking the little one.

**The Care Coordinator** for May is Laretha Randolph (682-4559).

**SUNDAY MORNING GROUPS:** **The Quest Group** meets in the Beacon Room at 9:30 a.m. to ponder "The Bible - Down and Dirty." **Questions of Faith** Sunday morning group meets at 10 a.m. in the Beatrix Potter Wing discussing "UU Elevator Speeches." For information contact Carol Straughn at 387-4850.

**What are you called to do? Four opportunities:** (1) Soup Kitchen (Dan Bing at 763-2384); (2) COR meals-on-wheels (Jeane Umbreit at 374-9114); (3) Shady Grove Elementary School (Juliet Wischmeyer at 219-5817); (4) Hospitality Hub (Ellen Klyce at 323-0123).

**SERMONS AVAILABLE: CD's for \$5 or on loan from the library. Print copies on the Welcome Table. PODCASTS** on the website by Tuesday.

Wednesday, May 26: **Choir Practice** in the sanctuary at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 27: **Soup for the Soul** women's evening group meets 6:30 p.m. at the home of Laretha Randolph, 258 W. Cherry Cl. (682-4599). **River Readers** meet 7 p.m. at the home of Tuck Dickerson, 461 N. Mendenhall, to discuss Year of Wonders by Geraldine Brooks

The River Ringers: Sue Britton, Larry Kalbach, Debra Kaufman, Nancy Kuhn, Barry Kuhn, Buss McCormick, Amanda Myers, Karen Shea, Paul Turner, Vivien Weeks and Holly McCormick, Director

Please leave back pews vacant for those with mobility needs.