Opening Words *by Marianne Hachten Cotter*

Chalice Lighting *by Rev. Michelle Collins*

We light this flame for what is not yet known.
For the questions that stretch us,
the hopes that whisper, and
the courage that flickers on uncertain days.
We kindle this flame for beginnings that are only just becoming.

***Passing the Peace** "Peace be with you"

***Hymn** #188 "Come, Come, Whoever You Are"

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Hymn #168 "One More Step", verses 1, 4

Story "Listen to the Language of the Trees"
by Tera Kelley

Children's Benediction

Spotlight CUUPs

Meditation *by Laura Bogle*

Joys and Sorrows

Moment of Silence

Sung Response #1002 "Comfort Me"

Offering

Reflection Louise Alcorn

Music "Allegro Spiritoso" Bell Ave. Ringers
by Greg Underwood

Sermon "Open to Life" Rev. Steve

***Hymn** #1018 "Come and Go with Me", verses 1, 3, 4

***Extinguishing the Chalice** *by Rev. Tandi Rogers*

May possibility take root where certainty once stood.
May curiosity lead the way.
May you loosen your grip, open your hands,
and find that something unexpected is already unfolding.

***Spoken Benediction**

***Sung Benediction** #124 "Be That Guide" verse 1

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

Service Leader:	Rev. Steve Sieck
Celebrant:	Louise Alcorn
Song Leader:	Kellie Patterson
Storyteller:	Faithyna Leonard
Musicians:	Suzie Pritchett, pianist; Karen Kraemer, choir director; Bell Ave. Ringers
Pastoral Care Associate:	Ellen Taylor
AV Tech:	Bill Paxson
Hospitality Team Lead:	Shelly Kaldenberg

TODAY'S FORUM:

There is no forum this week. Instead, please plan on joining in on the fun of the Fabulously Fun Food Fair Fundraiser.

ONLINE GIVING. Support various programs with online donations! Scan the QR code and select a fund:

- **Your Pledge**
- **Basket Donation**
- **Faith in Action Partners** (donations split evenly among partners)
- **Endowment**
- **and more!**

FAITH IN ACTION. Our 2025-26 Faith in Action Partners are the **YMCA Supportive Housing Campus** and **Refugee and Immigrant Voices in Action**. You can now give to these groups through our online giving or by using the envelopes located in the auditorium. All donations will be split evenly.

ACCESSIBILITY:

- **Assistive Listening Devices, full-page magnifiers, large-print hymnals and hymnals in Braille:** These are available just inside the Auditorium doors, on the shelves to your left.
- **Disability parking and accessible entrances:** Parking is available outside the west doors just past the drop-off lane in the right lane, or in the lot just south of the church on Casady Drive.
- **Lift to all building levels:** Main floor on the east side of the coatroom.

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Love radically. Grow ethically and spiritually. Serve justly.

2026 April 26th ~ 9:30-10:30

6th Sunday of Spring

Waxing Gibbous