

Opening Words

Chalice Lighting

by Bill Brauch

To join with others in community is a gift we give ourselves and share with all who gather. We light this chalice to symbolize the brighter flame that arises from the convergence of those that guided our individual pathways to this, our spiritual home.

***Passing the Peace** “Peace be with you”

***Hymn #119** “Once to Every Soul and Nation”

Welcome

Covenant

Aspirational Relational Covenant

We covenant to care for our own well-being, each other’s well-being, and the well-being of our community as a whole. We will recognize the inherent worth and dignity of all; be respectful and kind, valuing the gifts and individuality of all; listen with empathy and consider the impact of our words and actions; be patient and understanding with each other; find a pathway and work for reconciliation.

Meditation

by Maureen Killoran

Joys and Sorrows

Moment of Silence

Sung Response #1002 “Comfort Me”

Offering

Reflection

Todd Lackmann

Music

"River of My People"

Peter Sieck

by Pete Seeger

Reflection

Oge Nnadi

***Hymn #1017** “Building a New Way”

*Extinguishing the Chalice

by Bill Brauch

Together, we extinguish this flame, let it dwell in our hearts through the days to come, until we meet again.

*Spoken Benediction

*Sung Benediction

 “Hymn of Valor”

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

Speakers:	Todd Lackmann & Oge Nnadi
Celebrant	Bill Brauch
Song Leader:	Sarah Guenther
Musicians:	Bruce Martin, piano; Peter Sieck, vocal
Pastoral Care Associate:	Jim Carty
AV Techs:	Bill Paxson, Oge Nnadi
Hospitality Team Lead:	Elaine Imlau

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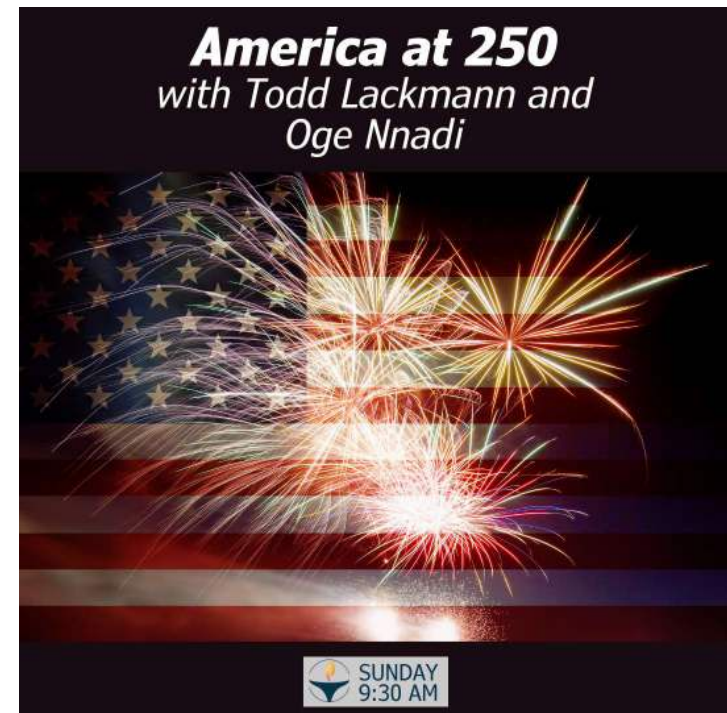
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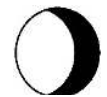
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3rd Sunday of Summer



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