

August 16, 2020
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome

Gathering: MV 84 In You There is a Refuge

Lighting the Candle In memory of Shirley Robinson, we say, in darkness there is light, in sorrow there is hope, in death there is light and love and life everlasting. Amen.

Call to Worship

Come all who are weak. Come all who are strong. Come all who are in fear. Come all who are brave. Come all who are sad. Come all who are filled with joy. Come all who want peace. Come all who seek justice. Come all who are seeking a quiet moment. **We come as we are for God welcomes all of us here to worship this day. Amen.**

Opening Prayer

God, we come each from our own heart journeys to this space. We greet this new day and are open to all the potential it holds, and to the community which surrounds us. We release all the thoughts that keep us from being fully present to your and to each other. This time together, different as it may be, we know is a part of our heart story. Amen.

**Hymn VU 271 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
(vs 1-2-5)**

Prayers for Grace and Transformation
Words of Affirmation

**Bist du bei mir *Be thou with me* (J.S. Bach)
Katherine Black, soprano**

Scripture Genesis 45: 1-15 NIV
Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

Reflection

Jesus Changes His Mind

Hymn VU 348 O Love, How Deep (vs 1-2)

Offering

We move into our Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Benediction

Extinguishing the Candle

We extinguish the flame but carry the light in our hearts until we meet again. Amen.

Hymn MV 37 Each Blade of Grass