

Order of Service

Sunday, May 17, 2020

Centering Video *Better Days* by One Republic

Welcome and Announcements Noah Rousell

Chalice Lighting by Katie Gelfand

We light our chalice as a symbol of gratitude
as we celebrate the abundance of our lives together.

In this sanctuary we harvest bushels of strength for one another,
and offer our crop with the hands of compassion and generosity.

In the authentic and gentle manner of our connections,
we cultivate a simple sweetness to brighten our spirits.

May we be grateful for the ways we nourish and uplift each other,
For it is the sharing of this hallowed time together that sustains us.

Opening Hymn #1010 *We Give Thanks*

Time For all Ages *Change, Questions, and Opportunities* by our Youth Group and Carol Zimmerman, DRE

Meditation by Claudene (Deane) Oliva

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory *Potter Waltz from Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* by Patrick Doyle

Sharing Gratitude

Reading *May We Look with Gratitude Upon This Day* by Michael R. Leduc

Ribbons of Gratitude

Hymn #1064 *Blue Boat Home*

Homily Arianna Whittaker

Joy, Hope, and Gratitude Slideshow *Fly Me to the Moon* by Bart Howard performed by Noah Rousell

Chalice Extinguishing by Amy Zucker Morgenstern (adapted)

When we take fire from our chalices, it does not become less.

It becomes more.

More love.

More hope.

More gratitude.

And so we extinguish our chalices,

but we take its light and warmth with us,

multiplying their power by all of our lives, and sharing it with the world.

*After a few moments we will be ushered into our breakout rooms.
You are free to end your participation in the "meeting" whenever you want.*

Many thanks to today's worship team: Zoom team – The Rev. James Galasinski, Carol Zimmerman, DRE, Doug Rubio, Robin Collen; Musicians – Betsy Kepes, Noah Rousell; Pulpit Guests - Our Youth Group: Henry Hebb, Brendan Nolan, Noah Rousell, Maya Thomas, Arianna Whittaker, and Braden Whittaker

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[Weekly Enews - May 13, 2020](#)

[May Newsletter](#)

[It's Good To Be Together!](#) Keep up with what's happening virtually in our church community.

[Caring for Each Other](#) - Ways the Caring Circle and Pastoral Care Team are helping during the COVID-19 crisis, and how you can help.

[Sacred Texts and Coffee](#) is happening at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 19. All are welcome to join the reading and discussion of the Tao Te Ching.

Campus Kitchens: There will be no Monday meals on Monday, May 18 and 25. The program will resume in June.

[Church and Community Program](#) has food! Visit their website for information about location, times, and updates.

St. Lawrence University is looking for community members who would like to serve as "hosts" for the students who will be on campus all summer. The students will live in their residence halls but will need some assistance with food and supplies, and also new friendships. If you would like to participate, please complete the [online form](#) or contact [Megan Putney](#).