



Returning to Society

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Music for Gathering 'All Will Be Well' (The Gabe Dixon Band)
Jennifer Drake & Savannah Ramsey

Words of Welcome Bob Davis

Opening Song 'Just as Long as I Have Breath' (#6)

Chalice Lighting Bob Davis

Taking the Light with Us by Heather Christensen

Joys and Sorrows Bob Davis

Silent Meditation

Offering Bob Davis

Offertory

Giving Thanks for All That Sustains Us:

For the countless gifts we each have been given, gifts of life and love and sustenance, we bring these small portions, to share in the works of love which none of us can accomplish alone.

Readings Bob Davis

1. Buddhist Prayer, credited to the 8th century monk, Shantideva, as translated by the 14th and current Dalai Lama
2. Quotation from the 2017 Documentary film, The Dalai Lama Awakening

Song 'Spirit of Life' (#123)

Reflection

Rick Johnson

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Questions for Sharing and Listening

1. Has there been a time when you've struggled to overcome mistakes you made in the past? What were the supports you needed to change your behaviors, attitudes, or approach to living?
2. There's a saying that "hurt people hurt people." Has this impacted you? What transformations or actions have you found to help stop cycles of harm, trauma, violence, and/or incarceration?

Mechanics: If you wish to share a thought, please come forward, speak into the microphone, and state your name and your truth. If you have joined us on zoom, please enter into the chat box your thoughts or indicate your desire to speak. Be sure to unmute yourself on your computer when it is your turn to speak. That small unmute button is usually found in the bottom left of your screen.

Guidelines for discussion: Please speak the truth as you understand it; to avoid inhibiting the flow of discussion, do not comment on others' comments until everyone has had a chance to do initial sharing.

Closing song 'Woyaya' (#1020) performed by People's Singers

Closing words Bob Davis

May our Lives by Chris Rothbauer

People joining us via Zoom are invited to stay for smaller group conversation.

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