



Animal Blessing September 24, 2023

Gathering of Community

Music for Gathering 'Robin in the Rain'
Laura Bultman & Savannah Ramsey
Opening Words Rev. Rachel Lonberg
Words of Welcome Sharon Sauter
Announcements Rev. Rachel Lonberg, Ian Webster,
Jen Docsa-Koehler, and Martha Beverly
Introit 'Morning Has Broken' (#38)
Jennifer Drake & Savannah Ramsey
Chalice Lighting Sharon Sauter

If you are lighting a chalice at home, you are encouraged to type in the chat box 'A chalice is lit in (your neighborhood/city/street).'

Words: 'All Animals are Our Relatives' by Florence Caplow

Affirming our Connections

Story for All Diane Melvin, Director of Religious Education
Offering Tom Hackley, Treasurer

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Offertory 'All God's Critters' (Stains) People's Singers
Giving Thanks for All That Sustains Us Sharon Sauter

*From 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.*

Blessing the Animals

Readings 'God Went to India' by Cynthia Rylant
'When Your Best Friend has Four or So Legs'
by Julián Jamaica Soto
from *A Heart that Works* by Rob Delaney

Animal Blessing Ritual

You are invited to bring your animals forward along the side aisles for a blessing in-person or Rev. Rachel will be blessing animals via Zoom.

A Time for Mourning and Grief Diane Melvin
Candles of Grief *You are invited to light a candle in honor of a beloved animal that has died or animals that are suffering or type a candle request in the Zoom chat.*

Music Jennifer Drake
A Blessing for All Animals Diane Melvin and Rev. Rachel Lonberg
Congregational Response: 'We Offer Our Blessing'

Cultivating Community

Song 'There is a Love' (Parker/Norton)
*There is a love holding us
There is a love holding all that we love
There is a love holding all
We rest in this love*

Joys and Sorrows

Returning to the World

Closing song 'Baby Shark'
Closing words Rev. Rachel Lonberg
Postlude

Coffee Quarter breakout rooms

All are invited to stay on Zoom for 15 minutes of small group conversation.