



Animal Blessing Service September 22, 2024

Gathering of Community

Music for Gathering

Opening Words

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Words of Welcome

John MacLellan

Announcements

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Introit

'Morning Has Broken' (#38)

Jennifer Drake & Savannah Ramsey

Chalice Lighting

John MacLellan

If you are lighting a chalice on Zoom, 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

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

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Offertory

'All God's Critters' (Staines) People's Singers

Giving Thanks for All That Sustains Us

John MacLellan

*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

from 'Firefly (Redux)' in *World of Wonders*
by Aimee Nezhukumatathil
'Saint Francis and the Sow' by Galway Kinnell

Animal Blessing Ritual

You are invited to bring your animals forward along the side aisles for a blessing in-person.

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

'The Lone, Wild Bird' (#15)

Joys and Sorrows

Returning to the World

Closing song

Chicken Dance

Closing words

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Postlude

Coffee Quarter breakout rooms

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