



MEETINGHOUSE CHURCH

FAITH & LIFE

JULY 24, 2022

WELCOME, FRIENDS

We began our Alternative Worship Expression last fall, *together* seeking a way of living faith that speaks to the real of our lives and those of the world around us.

In our weekly services we gather around themes of the Christian faith, aiming to integrate them into our lives and being.

Together we explore what it means that God and faith is about the whole of our lives and everything we do-- that spirituality isn't relegated to church but an invitation into a way of being human.

Together we seek to live responsibly in view of reality: the struggle, suffering, beauty and pain of our world. We want to be good grownups, living out faith that helps to heal our world and to be "good news" in it.

Together we bring ourselves, showing up with the expectation that Christian faith, at its heart, is the invitation to become... to live differently than we did before, to become people who live love in our world.

So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

JAMES 2:17 (NRSV)

MORNING INVITATIONS

SETTING THE TABLE | PRAYER

SONG#1: HOPE MACHINE [OKEE DOKEE BROTHERS]

Lyric Highlight:

"Dream good all night long
Rise up and sing your song
They say life is hard, and they're not wrong
So keep that Hope Machine runnin' strong"

Wonder:

How do you keep on living hope in the midst of the grief, challenges, and pain in the world and your life?

KIDS TO GOD'S GARDEN

BREATHE-IN

DEEP BREATH

SONG#2: BOOK OF LIFE (KEITH SECOLA)

"What gives you courage?
What does your heart say?"

Wonder:

What are your questions? How does faith help you to live in response to the questions?

TEACHING | MEDITATION | JEFF LINDSAY

BREATHE-OUT

Is there a relationship or place in your life where you might express your faith by what you do?

SONG#3: DEEP DARK WELLS (JOE PUG)

Lyric Highlight:

"As long as you're not finished, you can start all over again
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Wonder:

"Where might you be needing or desiring to start over again?"

ANNOUNCEMENTS | OFFERING | SENDING

A FEW NOTES & PRAYERS

Welcome, Beloved. We're so glad you're here. If you are visiting or want to plug in deeper, we'd love to meet you at the Connection Corner.

Mission Highlight: This July, we are highlighting our Meetinghouse members who help to resettle refugee families. Learn more at meetinghouse.church/mission-highlight.

Summer Park Picnic & Play: Every other Wednesday from 5:00 – 7:00pm continuing July 27. Bring a picnic dinner and gather with us this Wednesday at French Park in Plymouth.

Quarterly Town Hall Meeting: Next Sunday at 11:00am in-person and via Zoom. Join us as we begin to regularly create space to listen to each other and discern the Spirit's leading for us as a Congregational church. More details forthcoming.

Reading Revelation Responsibly: Continues August 3 from 6:30 – 8:00pm in the Hearth Room and Zoom. An exploration into the Bible's final and oft-confusing letter grounded in Michael Gorman's book on the subject.

Conciliatory Conversations: Continues on August 3 at 7:00pm in the Library. Join Church Leadership and the Pilgrim Center for intentional spaces to discuss reconciliation following difficult challenges. Visit meetinghouse.church/events to learn more.

Backyard BBQs: August 14 from 5:00 – 8:00pm. Want more space to connect informally this summer? Community members will be hosting backyard gatherings on various evenings throughout the summer months. RSVPs forthcoming.

Theology on Tap: Thursday, August 18 6:00 – 7:30pm. Bring your most curious self to Bear Cave Brewing Co. and talk theology with a beverage of your choice.

Tiny Home Project: Sign up for the Tiny Home project happening August 18 through September 17 (Thursday – Saturday). Stop by the table in the North Commons to learn more about this exciting opportunity to volunteer.

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PRAYERS OF HEALING for Charlie Ernst, David Getsch.

PRAYERS OF COMFORT for Robin Gustafson at the death of her husband
Erik Gustafson

A/V: Patrick Smalley, Kale Larson, Sara Hudson, Josh Steinke
Others: Michele Steinke, Alice Loddigs, and YOU!