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**Order of Service**

**Sunday, May 4, 2025**

**Sounding of the Bell**

**Prelude:** *Allegro from Terzetto Scholastico* by Franz Anton Hoffmeister

**Invocation:** *A Place of Belonging and Caring* by Rev. Kimberlee Tomczak Carlson

**Opening Hymn:** *My Life is Made Worthwhile* by Norbert Capek

**Welcome**

**Prayer**

**Placing the Stones**

 You are invited to place a stone in our chalice bowl.

**Lighting the Chalice**

With hope to make this a better world, we light this flame.
Its light is a symbol of the power of love.

**Doxology by Isaac Watts**

From all that dwell below the skies, let songs of hope and faith arise,
Let peace, good will on earth be sung, through every land, by every tongue.

**Anthem** (1st service)**:** *Angus Dei from Missa Gaia: Earth Mass* by Paul Winter/Jim Scott

**Reading:** *Children Widen Our Being in Ways that are Limitless* by Rev. Gary Kawalski

**Sermon Part I:** *Honoring Tradition* (Child Dedication)

**Offertory:** *Allegro from String Trio in Bb Major* by Franz Schubert

Our **May** shared offering goes to **Louisiana Trans Advocates.**

**Sermon Part II:** *The Magic of Wildflowers* (Flower Ceremony)by Franz Anton Hoffmeister

**Hymn:** *#8 Mother Spirit, Father Spirit*

**Reading:** *May Flowers* by Emily Dickinson

**Sermon Conclusion:** *Making Space for New Wildflowers*

**Closing Hymn:** *When We Are Singing* by Traditional/K. Padworski

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

Guest Musicians: String Trio - **Lin He**, violin; **Jennifer Cassin**, viola; **Dan Cassin**, cello

Flowers provided by **our congregation** for the annual flower ceremony.