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**Order of Service**

**Sunday, July 6, 2025**

**Sounding of the Bell**

**Prelude**

**Invocation:** *Invitation to Join the Journey* by Rev. Lyn Cox

**Opening Hymn:** *#116 I’m On My Way*

**Welcome**

**Prayer:** *May We Be the Blessings* by Rev. Rebekah Savage

**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.

**Reading:** *If There Is No Struggle There Is No Progress* by Frederick Douglass; August 3, 1857

**Sermon Part I:** *Forming of a People*by Abel Thompson

**Offertory:** Our **July** shared offering goes to **Gardere Initiative**, a Community Coalition.

**Reading:** *White Fear of Black Freedom* by Michelle & Leslie Alexander

**Sermon Part II**

**Hymn:** *#1018 Come and Go With Me*

**Reading:** *Liberation Is a Process* by Dr. Emilie M. Townes

**Sermon Part III**

**Hymn:** *#146 Soon the Day Will Arrive*

**Reading:** *The Master’s Tools* by Audre Lourde

**Sermon Conclusion**

**Closing Hymn:** *#1028 Fire of Commitment*

**Benediction:** *Help Us* by Rev. Harry Meserve

**Postlude**

Today’s flowers are provided by **Carolyn Stutts.**