Order of Service for July 26, 2026

Americana Music- Reflecting the Soul of America

Welcome and Announcements

Chalice Lighting John1:5 NRSV

Opening Song This Land is Your Land Woody Guthrie – words on the screen

Opening Words Bruce Springsteen, reflecting on writing his song Minneapolis - pulpit

Joys and Sorrows, Prayer

Introduction to today's service:
Violence, Christianity, Places, History, Protest

Folsom Prison Blues Farther Along Johnny Cash, new words by Keb Mo

Traditional, as sung by Doc Watson and Mississippi John Hurt

Offertory

Dark as a Dungeon

Bourgeois Blues

Jim Mason's Song

Forged in the Fire – words on the screen

Closing Song - We Shall Not Be Moved Traditional – words on the screen

Final Thought Gandolf to Frodo, The Fellowship of the Ring, JRR Tolkien

Lyrics for 7-26-26 service

This Land is Your Land by Woody Guthrie

Chorus: This land is your land, this land is my land,
From California, to the New York Island
From the redwood forest, to the Gulf Stream waters,
This land was made for you and me.

As I was walking that ribbon of highway
I saw above me that endless skyway
I saw below me that golden valley
This land was made for you and me.

I roamed and rambled, and followed my footsteps
To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts;
And all around me a voice was sounding
This land was made for you and me.

Nobody living can ever stop me
As I go walking that freedom highway
Nobody living can make me turn back
This land was made for you and me.

Forged in Fire by Crys Matthews
(Leader sings a line, Congregation repeats)
Is there a fire in your eyes? We can melt that ice.
If we stand and fight, we're gonna be all right.
Is there a fire in your heart? Then you can do your part.
Be a shot in the dark, 'til that powder sparks.

CHORUS
When faith is hard to find, When hope is on the decline
Remember hate gets tired, Keep that steel in your spine.

Is there a fire in your mind? Then get on the front line.
'Cause old thinking dies, It's just a matter of time.
Is there a fire in your feet? Then start marching to the beat,
No backing down no retreat, 'til everybody gets free.

CHORUS (2X)

KEEP THAT STEEL IN YOUR SPINE (3X)

We Shall Not Be Moved
(Chorus, sung after each verse)
We shall not, we shall not be moved
We shall not, we shall not be moved
Just like a tree, planted by the water
We shall not be moved

Freedom of expression, we shall not be moved (2x)
Just like a tree, planted by the water
We shall not be moved

(Chorus)

Free and fair elections, we shall not be moved (2x)
Just like a tree, planted by the water
We shall not be moved.

(Chorus)

Give me your tired, your poor, we shall not be moved
Your huddled masses yearning to be free
Just like a tree, planted by the water
We shall not be moved.

(Chorus)