

June 25, 2023 Order of Service

The Underground Railroad, Then and Now

Welcome & Announcements. Mike Luce

Ringing of bell

Call to worship by Rabbi Toben

Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly, now.
Love mercy, now. Walk humbly, now. You are not obligated to complete
the work, but neither are you free to abandon it.

Introit Angolan Music

Chalice lighting by RT Bennett...
Learn to light a candle in the darkest moments of someone's life.
Be the light that helps others see; it is what gives life its deepest
significance.

Story for All ages The Tale of the Starfish adapted from "The Star
Thrower" by Loren C. Eiseley.

Opening Song My Love Reaches Out by Erik Martinez Resley

Joys and Sorrows. Mike Luce

Reading: (first half) A Poem Home by Warsan Shire

OFFERTORY Mike Luce

Music reflection During Collection... We Shall be known
by the Company We Keep.

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"We shall be known by the company we keep
by the ones who circle round to tend these fires
We shall be known by the ones who sow and reap
the seeds of change alive from deep within the earth
It is time now
It is time now that we thrive
It is time we lead ourselves into the well
It is time now, and what a time to be alive
In this great turning we shall learn to lead in love
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Reading Part 2 of Home

Morning Reflection **Underground Railroad Then and Now**
Celeste Stickney

Musical meditation Draw the Circle wide Mark Miller and
the Greater New Haven Community Chorus

"Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone; we'll stand side by side.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide."
Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone.
Standing side by side, draw the circle,
draw the circle wide."

Closing Words: #457 Edward Everett Hale
I am only one
But Still I am one
I cannot do everything
But Still I can do something
And because I cannot do everything
I will not refuse to do the something I can do.

Postlude "Eminance" Sudanese artist Seif Lakota
and music by Ibrahim Mohammed Alhassen

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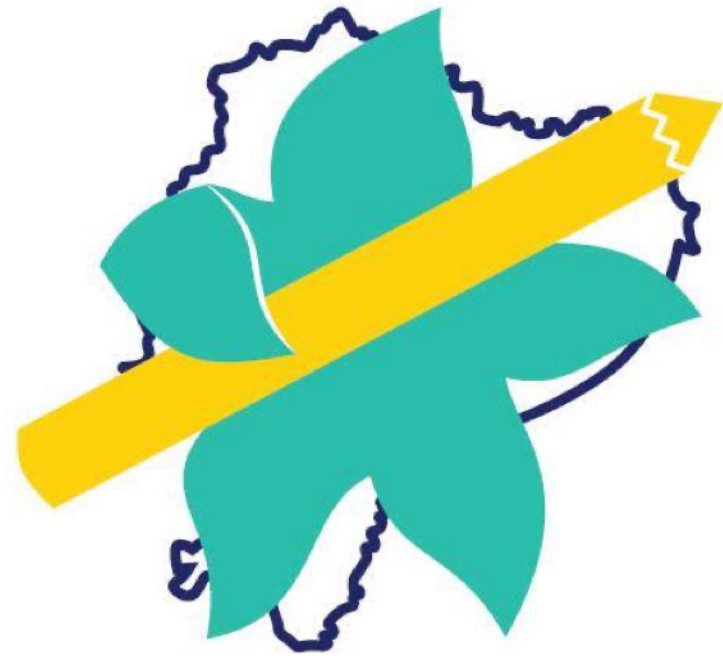


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