

# SOUTHSIDE FELLOWSHIP

Creating brave spaces that nurture and inspire the human spirit

*Sustainability ~ Feel*

*July 2nd, 2023*

We have been granted an astonishingly beautiful gift that has never been given to humans: the chance to shepherd human and animal life into the coming centuries and millennia, when we know that much of it would otherwise disappear. All We Can Save, p. 258

## GATHERING

**Welcome**

**Centering music**

**Call to Worship** Psalm 93 Stephen Mitchell, translation

**All:** God acts within every moment  
and creates the world with each breath

**Hymn** *Touch the Earth Lightly* **VT 145**

## LISTENING FOR THE WORD

**The Poet's Word** Being Human  
performance by poet Naima Penniman

**A Time for All God's Children**

**Hymn** *God Speaks to Us in Bird and Song* **VT 539**

**Scripture** Luke 15:11-24 NRSVUE

**Sermon** *Feelings Over Facts*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**Hymn** *How Can We Be Silent* **VT 790**

**Offering**

**Sharing our lives and our prayers**

Blessing for Southsiders going to MennoCon 23

**Blessing Song** *Seeds* **VT 777**

**Praying in the Way of Jesus**

## THE WORD IN THE WORLD

**A Response to Climate Grief** from *All We Can Save* - FEEL

**Benediction**



Alice Baber, American, 1928-1982  
*The Light in the Depths*. 1975

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