

# SOUTHSIDE FELLOWSHIP

Creating brave spaces that nurture and inspire the human spirit

## *Sustainability ~ Rise*

*July 30th, 2023*

*To me, the responsibility to save and protect our planet for ourselves and future generations is not a burden. I think it's a blessing, and I believe we were chosen for this job because we are the ones who can make it happen.*

*The climate crisis is the largest challenge humans have ever faced.*

*We young people are doing everything we can, so please join us.*

*We need your help. Welcome to the uprising!*

*~ Alexandria Villaseñor (Climate Activist / age 15)*

### GATHERING

#### **Welcome**

#### **Centering music**

#### **Call to Worship** Based on words by Geneen Marie Haugen

Reader 1: In our time of disturbance and radical change,  
Reader 2: we are crossing a threshold, a portal,  
Reader 1: or an unseen bridge from one world to another.

Reader 2: It could be said the bridge is either collapsing  
beneath us,

Reader 1: or being made as we walk together,

Reader 2: in the long twilight hours when one civilization  
gives way to another.

#### **Congregation: We will walk together.**

Reader 1 & 2: God will walk with us.

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

### LISTENING FOR THE WORD

#### **The Poet's Word**

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

**Hymn** *Draw the Circle* VT 802

#### **Scripture**

**Sermon** Debbie Bledsoe

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**Hymn** *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* VT 529

#### **Offering**

#### **Sharing our lives and our prayers**

#### **Praying in the Way of Jesus**

### THE WORD IN THE WORLD

**Hymn** *Sizohamba naye* VT 815

#### **Benediction**

Reader 1 & 2: We will walk together.

**Congregation: God will walk with us.**

Reader 1 & 2: Go in peace.



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