

# SOUTHSIDE FELLOWSHIP

Creating brave spaces that nurture and inspire the human spirit

*A Flash of Light*

*August 6th, 2023*

“My God!”

(The collective response of crew members aboard the Enola Gay upon seeing the Atom-bomb detonated over Hiroshima, Japan. August 6, 1945.

## GATHERING

**Welcome**

**Centering music**

**Call to Worship**

**Hymn** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the light* **STJ**

## LISTENING FOR THE WORD

**The Poet's Word** *Let Us Be Midwives*  
by Sadako Kurihara (1913-2005)

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

**Hymn** *This Little Light of Mine* **HWB 401**

**Scripture** 1 Samuel 15:1-3, 8, 10-17, 24-25  
Translation by Wilda Gafney from  
“A Women’s Lectionary for the Whole Church / Year A”

**Sermon** *The god of genocide / the God of Life*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**Hymn** *The Lord Is My Light* **VT 437**

**Offering**

**Sharing our lives and our prayers**

**Praying in the Way of Jesus**

## THE WORD IN THE WORLD

**Hymn** *Peace, Salaam, Shalom* **VT 805**

**Benediction**



Giacomo Balla, *Street Light*. circa 1909

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