

SOUTHSIDE FELLOWSHIP

Creating brave spaces that nurture and inspire the human spirit

Hope is our duty

October 8th, 2023

When tomorrow comes
I shall not fall into despair
But let the tendrils of hope caress me,
trusting in the love that bears the world.
~Helena del Pino



Arthur Garfield Dove, Sunrise 1937

GATHERING

Welcome

Centering music

Opening Words

By Ruben Alvez, a Bolivian Theologian

Hymn *Come Thou Fount* **VT 563**

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

The Poet's Word *For the New Year, 1981*
by Denise Levertov

A Time for All God's Children

Hymn *Come Ye Disconsolate* **VT 643**

Scripture Psalm 23

Hymn *The Lord's My Shepherd* **VT 660**

Hope is Our Duty by Wendell Berry

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Ritual of Hope

Offering

Prayer & Response ~ *We join you in this hope, and may it be so, Amen.*

Sharing our lives and our prayers

Praying in the Way of Jesus

THE WORD IN THE WORLD

Hymn *God, Be With Us* **VT 613**

Benediction

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