

SOUTHSIDE FELLOWSHIP

Creating brave spaces that nurture and inspire the human spirit

Wild Church

November 19th, 2023

Now I see the secret of the making of the best persons.
It is to grow in the open air, and to eat and sleep with the earth.
Walt Whitman (1819 - 1892)

GATHERING

Welcome

Centering music

Call to Worship

Leader:

"This Grand Show is eternal.

It is always sunrise somewhere ...

Eternal sunrise, eternal sunset, eternal dawn and gloaming,
on sea and continents and islands, each in its turn,
as the round earth rolls." John Muir

All: God, we turn our faces to the growing Light.

Leader: May the Eternal Light always shine on you,
and through you.

Hymn Light Dawns on a Weary World **VT 205**

Hymn Golden Breaks the Dawn **VT 498**

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

The Poet's Word from *The Way to Start a Day* by Byrd Baylor

WILD CHURCH / CONTEMPLATION IN NATURE

Centering Scripture Genesis 1:1-5

Invitation to Contemplate

When the Wadsworth Bell rings please return to the chapel.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

Offering

Sharing our lives and our prayers

Praying in the Way of Jesus ~ *Earth Dance*, based on the Lord's Prayer. (Attributed to Karen Loveland)

THE WORD IN THE WORLD

Song Put Your Roots Down (from the SSF retreat)

Benediction



Jonathan Hateley,
Releasing. 2016
Painted bronze.

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