

# SOUTHSIDE FELLOWSHIP

Creating brave spaces that nurture and inspire the human spirit

*Who is God?*

*May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

Faith consists in being vitally concerned with that ultimate reality to which I give the symbolic name of God. Whoever reflects earnestly on the meaning of life is on the verge of an act of faith.  
- Paul Tillich (1886-1965)

## GATHERING

**Welcome**

**Centering music**

**Call to Worship**

**Hymn** *Sing Praise to God* **VT 101**

## LISTENING FOR THE WORD

**The Poet's Word** by Nicaraguan priest, poet, and politician Ernesto Cardenal

**A Reading** from *God: A Guide for the Perplexed* by Keith Ward

**Offering**

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

*Sparrow Envy* by Drew Lanham

**Hymn** *I sought the Lord* **VT 161**

**Scripture** 1 John 1:5-7a / 1 John 4:7-12

**The Poet's Word** *Wild Geese* by Mary Oliver

**A Reading** from *A World Lost* by Wendell Berry



Peggy McNamara, watercolor

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**Hymn** *Bring Many Names* **VT 134**

**Sharing our lives and our prayers**

**Praying in the Way of Jesus**

## THE WORD IN THE WORLD

**Hymn** *We, Your People, Sing Your Praises* **VT 849**

**Benediction**

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