

SOUTHSIDE FELLOWSHIP

Creating brave spaces that nurture and inspire the human spirit

Discernment Sunday

September 14th, 2025

*Friend, we're traveling together. Throw off your tiredness.
Let me show you one tiny spot of the beauty that cannot be spoken.
~ Rumi (1207-1273 A.D.)*

GATHERING

Welcome

Centering music

Call to Worship

All: **Come, Holy Spirit.**
Leader: *Enter our silences.*
All: **Come, Holy Spirit.**
Leader: *Renew our minds.*
All: **Come, Holy Spirit.**
Leader: *Direct our paths.*
All: **Come, Holy Spirit.**
Give us a discerning spirit.
Leader: *Come, Holy Spirit.*
Fill us, your people.

Hymn Summoned by the God Who Made Us

VT 1 vs. 1-3

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

The Poet's Word *Elephant in the Dark* by Rumi

Scripture Philipians 1:9-10

Reflections on Our Discernment

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Offering

Sharing our lives and our prayers

Continuing discernment

THE WORD IN THE WORLD

Hymn *Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us*

VT 718

Benediction (see reverse)

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Susanna Bauer,
Everything That Surrounds Us.
magnolia leaves, cotton thread

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