

SOUTHSIDE FELLOWSHIP

Creating brave spaces that nurture and inspire the human spirit

Visual Contemplation & Creativity

September 21st, 2025

What if paying attention is the most sacred act we have?

GATHERING

Welcome

Centering music

Scripture Genesis 1:1-5, 26-27

Hymn *When at Creation's Dawn* **VT 121**

SEEING THE WORD

Contemplation of the Visual Georgia O'Keeffe,
Black Cross with Stars and Blue 1929

Hymn *Open My Heart* **VT 731**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

A Word from the Poet *The Summer Day* by Mary Oliver

Stations for visual and creative contemplation

- **Watercolor**
- **Clay hand sculpture**
- **Icons**
- **Objects from nature**
- **Poetry**

THE WORD IN THE WORLD

Offering

Sharing our lives and our prayers

Prayer Adapted from **VT 881** and The Lord's Prayer of Casa del Sol

Hymn *You Shall Go out with Joy* VT 847

Benediction



Clara Peeters, "Still Life with Flowers Surrounded by Insects and a Snail" c. 1610), oil on copper, overall: 6 9/16 x 5 5/16 inches.

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