

SOUTHSIDE FELLOWSHIP

Creating brave spaces that nurture and inspire the human spirit

Taking the Long View: A Future of Hope

October 12th, 2025

When you search for me, you will find me;
if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me
~ Yahweh (From Jeremiah 29:13-14)

GATHERING

Welcome

Centering music

Call to Worship

Leader: O God, we come seeking you in our worship together.

In the quietness of this hour, in this sacred space carved out
by our mere presence here, we come-

Organ: with our hearts open and waiting

Window: with hearts weary and empty

Organ: We come with hearts of sadness and lamenting

Window: with hearts joyful and expectant ...

Leader: We come to worship in whatever state we find ourselves,

ALL: seekers together on the path to God.

Hymn Spirit of God! Descend

VT 557 vs 1,2,3

HEARING TO THE WORD

A Word from the Poet Stripped by God by Cynthia Langston Kirk

Hymn How Many Times We Start Again **VT 553**

A Word before the Word David

Lectio Divina Jeremiah 29:11-14a

What is the Word Saying to Us Today?

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn As a Sigh Great with Yearning

VT 403

THE WORD IN THE WORLD

Offering

Sharing our lives and our prayers

Hymn The Lord Lift You Up

VT 832

Benediction



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