

WORSHIP SERVICE

May 10, 2026

If we surrendered to the earth's intelligence, we could rise up rooted, like trees.  
~ Rainer Maria Rilke

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Connie Maatta, President

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE

Rev. Linda Barnes

For the Web of Life by Paul Sprecher

OPENING HYMN

Will Gunn, Guest Musician

'Tis a Gift to Be Simple

SLT#16

STORY

Grace Kennedy, Director of Religious Exploration

*Beatrix Potter, Scientist* by Lindsay H. Metcalf, illustrated by Junyi Wu

***For each child that's born a morning star rises and sings to the universe, who we are...  
Children and Teachers May Go to Their Classes***

OFFERING

*You may come forward to light a candle in silence during the offertory.*

JOYS AND SORROWS

MEDITATION

Rev. Linda Barnes

Those Who Gave Us Life by Linda Hart

SILENCE

HYMN

There's a River Flowin' in My Soul

SLJ#1007

READINGS

Suzan Gannett, Worship Associate

excerpt from *Finding the Mother Tree* by Suzanne Simard  
quote from Gus Speth, American Environmental Lawyer

HYMN

Will Gunn, Guest Musician

Ancient Mother

STJ#1069

SERMON

Rev. Linda Barnes

Becoming Like the Mother Tree

CLOSING HYMN

Will Gunn, Guest Musician

For the Beauty of the Earth

SLT#21

CLOSING WORDS

Rev. Linda Barnes

POSTLUDE

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE