

“The source of love is deep in us,  
 and we can help others realize a lot of happiness.  
 One word, one action, or one thought  
 can reduce another person’s suffering and bring him joy.  
 One word can give comfort and confidence, destroy doubt,  
 help someone avoid a mistake, reconcile a conflict,  
 or open the door to liberation.  
 One action can save a person’s life  
 or help him take advantage of a rare opportunity.  
 One thought can do the same,  
 because thoughts always lead to words and actions.  
 If love is in our heart,  
 every thought, word, and deed can bring about a miracle.”

—Excerpt from “Peace Is Every Step: The Path of Mindfulness in Everyday Life”  
 by Thich Nhat Hanh



An  
 Evensong  
 Service  
 October 15, 2025  
 6:30 pm

**Gathering Music**

*please observe silence as we settle into sacred time and space*

**Words of Welcome**

**Gathering Song**

“Gathered Here”  
**Cantor sings once | then all sing multiple times**  
 Gathered here in the mystery of this hour,  
 gathered here in one strong body,  
 gathered here in the struggle and the power,  
 Spirit draw near.

**First Reading—Listen for yourself**

Excerpt from “Peace Is Every Step: The Path of Mindfulness in Everyday Life”  
 by Thich Nhat Hanh

**Extended Meditation**

*The singing bowl welcomes us into silence... and back out again*


**Sung Response**

“Return Again” Shlomo Carlebrach  
**Telae sings once | then all sing multiple times**  
 Return again, Return again  
 Return to the land of your soul  
 Return to who you are, Return to what you are.  
 Return to where you are.  
 Born and reborn again.

**Second Reading — Listen for another | family, friend, neighbor**

Excerpt from “Peace Is Every Step: The Path of Mindfulness in Everyday Life”  
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Gratitudes: Telae, Music and Youth Director (vocals), Sharon Neuenfeldt, Worship Accompanist (piano),  
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**Extended Meditation**

*The singing bowl welcomes us into silence... and back out again*

**Sung Response**

“Come and Fill”

*Taizé*

**Telae sings once | then all sing multiple times**

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace.**

**You alone, O Lord, are holy.**

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace,**

**Alleluia!**

**Third Reading** — *Listen for the world | a situation or group within our global community*

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*by Thich Nhat Hanh*

**Extended Meditation**

*The singing bowl welcomes us into silence... and back out again*

**Sung Response**

“Dona nobis pacem in terra”

*Iona Community*

**Telae sings once | then all sing multiple times**

**Dona nobis pacem in terra,**

**Dona nobis pacem, Domine.**

*\*Grant us peace on earth, grant us peace, O Lord.*

**Prayers of the People**

*All are welcome to lift a joy or concern. We will bring the microphone to you.*

...God, in your love

**Hear our prayer**

**Sung Prayer Refrain**

“Listen, Lord”

*Iona Community*

**Telae sings once | then all sing twice more**

**Listen, Lord, listen Lord,**

**Not to our words but to our prayer.**

**You alone, you alone understand and care.**

**Invitation To Light Prayer Candles**

*We bring forward written prayers (for ourself, for another, for a part of the world),  
lighting a candle as a sign of hope for comfort, healing, strength*

**Musical Interlude**

*Played as prayers are brought forward and candles lit*

**Solo**

“Psalm 41”

*by Tori Kelly & Kirk Franklin*

**Words of Sending Forth**

**Closing Song**

“Go Now in Peace”

*Natalie Sleeth*

**Telae sings once | Then all sing twice more**

**Go now in peace, go now in peace,**

**May the love of God surround you**

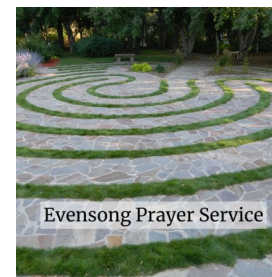
**Everywhere, everywhere you may go.**

*We depart in peace to love and serve. Thank you for your presence this evening.*

**Individual Prayers for Healing**

*If you wish to receive an individual prayer for healing (body, mind, spirit),  
Mary Ann (healing energy practitioner) welcomes you into a wing at the front of the Sanctuary*

*Financial support helps make this service possible.  
Offerings baskets are located at either exit.*



**We welcome you to return for Evensong Prayer Service  
on Nov. 19, Dec. 17, Jan. 21...**