

**Order of Service**  
**August 20, 2023**  
**“Blessing of the Backpacks”**  
**Led by Rev. Allison Palm & Sadie Kahn-Greene**

**GATHERING THE COMMUNITY**

Prelude Jed Holland, Music Director  
Ringing the Bell, Land Acknowledgement & Welcome Rev. Allison Palm

**CENTERING**

Opening Words & Chalice Lighting Danielle Van Dusen  
A Renewed Hope for This World by Nathan Ryan  
Opening Hymn: “*Love Will Guide Us*” Hymn #131  
(words: Sally Rogers; music: Traditional; arr: Betty A. Wylder)

**SHARING IN COMMUNITY**

Wonderbox Sadie Kahn-Greene & Friends  
Story: The Invisible String Backpack  
(Author: Patrice Karst; Illustrator: Joanne Lew-Vriethoff)  
Special Music Graham C. on Cello  
Outreach Offering: Immigrant & Refugee Support Group Danielle Van Dusen  
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Text “(amount) pledge” to give to the church  
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Offertory: *Instrumental* Jed Holland  
Response: “*From You I Receive*” Hymn #402  
The Invisible String Backpack, Part II Sadie Kahn-Greene & Friends  
Anthem: “*How Far I’ll Go*” Abigail B.  
(words & music: Lin-Manuel Miranda)  
Joys & Sorrows Rev. Allison Palm & Charlotte Cardone  
Silent Reflection  
Response: “*Spirit of Life*” Hymn #123

**GOING DEEPER**

Backpack Blessing Rev. Allison Palm & Sadie Kahn-Greene  
Adapted from words by Erika Hewitt

Hymn: *“There Is A Love”*

(words: Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker, Music: Elizabeth Norton)

Receiving a Blessing Ribbon

Rev. Allison Palm

**RETURN TO SERVICE IN LIFE**

Closing Song: *“Lean on Me”*

(words & music: Bill Withers; arr.: David Moran)

Hymn #1021

Benediction & Chalice Extinguishing

Sadie Kahn-Greene

Song for Parting: *“Peace & Joy”*

(words & music: Kathy Grossman)

Postlude

Jed Holland, Music Director