

# Sunday, August 4, 2019 **10:00 am**

Keeping Score --

\* Please stand, as you are able.

Welcome and Announcements Beth Ann Jedziniak

Prelude Get Right With God Williams

Recorded by Lucinda Williams

Opening Words #473, by James Vila Blake David Mix Barrington

Kindling The Chalice Beth Ann Jedziniak

We light our chalice as a beacon of hope A sign of our quest for truth and meaning. We light our chalice as a beacon of love In celebration of the life we share together.

\* HYMN Old Hundredth

From all that dwell below the skies De todos bajo el gran sol
Let songs of hope and faith arise Surja esperanza, fe, amor
Let peace, goodwill on earth be sung
Through every land, by every tongue De cada tierra, cada voz.

### \*Community Greeting

Offertory Pennies From Heaven Johnston/Burke

DAMB, vocal; Karl Drumm, piano

Readings by Alfred Cole; by Arjuna Greist Beth Ann Jedziniak

\*HYMN Here We Have Gathered #360

Reading from *Cold Comfort Farm*, by Stella Gibbons DAMB

Meditation by Howard Thurman DAMB

Interlude Sit Down, You're Rockin' the Boat Loesser

\*HYMN Amazing Grace! #205

Sermon Keeping Score David Mix Barrington

\*HYMN Forward Through the Ages #114

Closing Words by Reinhold Neibuhr #461

Postlude Sing You Sinners Harling/Coslow

Recorded by Erin McKeown

#### **MUSIC NOTES**

References to Heaven and Hell abound in the Great American Songbook. *Pennies From Heaven* is from the 1936 Bing Crosby movie of the same name, and was a hit for both Bing and Billy Holiday. *Sit Down You're Rockin' the Boat* is of course from the 1950 musical *Guys and Dolls*. *Sing You Sinners*, written in 1930, is the title cut of Erin McKeown's 2007 album, recorded here in Northampton.

Get Right With God is from Lucinda Williams' 2001 album Essence, which cemented her transition from country-folk goddess to alt-rock goddess. She played the Green River Festival in Greenfield last month.

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