

Bequiled BY BEAUTY

Cultivating a Life of Contemplation & Compassion

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First Congregational
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST



WE GATHER

Threshold Moment

Silent Centering

Prayer of Opening

Hymn of Beauty

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

WE PROCLAIM

Searching for Beauty: A Time for Children

Lectio Divina

Music Divina “Rain Down”

Sermo Divina

Visio Divina

WE RESPOND

Prayers of the People

Ritual Action

This series invites us to integrate contemplative practices into our daily lives as a way of opening to the Divine in deeper ways, thereby training our spirits for compassion in all things. This week’s ritual action is a time of meditative “watering.” Set a reminder to pour yourself and drink a glass of water and then refill that same glass and water some other living thing...offering a glass of water to someone else or to a plant, tree, garden, etc. As you do so, allow your mind to slow, your heart to open, your eyes to drink in your surroundings. You may want to put a note nearby, “Water is life. Water your life so you can water other life...for the beauty of the earth.”

WE GO FORTH

Closing Hymn

“As the Deer”

Unison D A/C#

1 As the deer pants for gold the wa - ter, so my
2 I want you more than are or sil - ver, on - ly
3 You're my friend and you are my broth - er, e - ven

G A7sus A7 D G/A A7 D A/C#

soul longs af - ter you; you a - lone are my
you can sat - is - fy; you a - lone are the
though you are a king; I love you more than

Bm Dsus/A D/A G Asus A7 D

heart's de - sire and I long to wor - ship you.
real joy-giv - er and the ap - ple of my eye.
an - y oth - er, so much more than an - y - thing!

Refrain Bm Bm/A G D/F# G Bm/F#

You a - lone are my strength and shield; to you a - lone may my

spir - it yield. You a - lone are my

heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you.

Benediction

Benediction Song

“For the Beauty”

Worship Notes:

“As the Deer”

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