**October 6 2024 Forgiving Ourselves and Each Other**

Gathering Music -- Ralph and Mike

Quotation **Covenant or Vow**: an earnest promise or pledge that binds one to perform a specified act or to behave in a certain manner; especially, a solemn promise to live and act in accordance with the faith and prescriptions of a religious body

Welcome Song Welcome Song by Hal Walker

Welcome Worship Leader Martha McGovern

Honoring Indigenous People *Whereas* by Layli Long Soldier and U.S. apology

Prelude Randall Kidder

Chalice Lighting #694 words of Federick E. Gillis

Opening Hymn “There’s a Wideness in Your Mercy”

#213 in Singing the Living Tradition Words: Frederick William Faber; music:

Amos Pillsbury’s United States’ Sacred Harmony

Time for All Ages “One Hundred Sheep” in *Who Counts*? (a creative retelling of

three parables told by Jesus) By Amy-Jill Levine & Sandy Eisenberg Sasso,

illustrated by Margaux Meganck

Sending Song Go now in peace . . .

FUUSM Affirmation

Collection of Offerings

Offertory Randall Kidder

Reflection Martha McGovern (shepherd, Jewish perspective, science, examples)

Ritual of Forgiveness – Rev. Kathryn Hawbaker, Martha McGovern, Worship &

Music Committee and the Board

“We Begin Again in Love”

#1037 in Singing the Journey Words: Robert Eller-Isaacs; music: Les Kleen

Refrain: **We forgive ourselves and each other. We begin again in love.**

Narrators:

1. For remaining silent when a single voice would have made a difference . . .
2. For letting fear make us rigid or withdrawn . . .
3. For striking out in anger without thought of the other . . .
4. For letting greed blind us to the needs of others . . .
5. For being too self-centered to hear or see others . . .
6. For causing damage in a moment of inattention or carelessness . . .
7. For falling short in enacting our FUUSM affirmation . . .
8. For these and for any acts - whether obvious or subtle - which have desecrated the unity of all beings, of all life . . .

Unison Reading #694 words of Federick E. Gillis

May the Love which overcomes all differences, which heals all wounds, which puts to flight all fears, which reconciles all who are separated, be in us and among us now and always.

Closing Hymn “Break Not the Circle” – verses 1 & 2

 #323 in Singing the Living Tradition Words: Fred Kaan; Music: Thomas

Benjamin

Closing Words

Postlude #1053 “How Could Anyone” in Singing the Journey

Words & Music: Libby Roderick

Announcements

Facebook Live ends

Joys & Sorrows

Extinguishing the Chalice

Going Forth Music – Mike and Ralph