



## **SOLVE FOR X: A SERMON ABOUT GOD**

**August 14, 2022**

***Rev. Justin McCreary***

*Seeking Hope, Love, and Justice—Together in Community*



# ORDER OF SERVICE

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11:00 a.m.

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*Thank you for turning off your cell phones. Hearing receivers are available from the ushers.*

<b>Prelude</b>	“The Road to Lisdoonvarna,” “The Swallowtail,” “The Irish Washerwoman” ..... Traditional Irish jigs
<b>Welcome</b>	
<b>* Hymn for Gathering</b>	“Here Together” (for Gathering) ..... David M. Glasgow
<b>Lighting the Chalice (unison)</b>	From Reading #448 (SLT)
<b>Invocation</b>	
<b>Covenant (unison)</b>	Love is the spirit of this church And service its law. This is our great covenant: To dwell together in peace, To seek the truth in love, And to help one another.
<b>* Hymn #26 (SLT)</b>	“Holy, Holy, Holy”
<b>Announcements</b>	
<b>Hymn #123 (SLT)</b>	“Spirit of Life”
<b>Responsive Reading</b>	Reading #531 (SLT): “The Oversoul,” by Ralph Waldo Emerson
<b>Silence</b>	
<b>Musical Response</b>	“Blind Mary” ..... Turlough O’Carolan
<b>Reading</b>	“Honour Killing,” by Imtiaz Dharker
<b>Special Music</b>	Prelude from Suite No.1 in G Major ..... J. S. Bach

**Sermon** "Solve for X: A Sermon about God"  
*Rev. Justin McCreary*

**Interlude**

**Offertory** "Da Full Rigged Ship/Da New Rigged Ship" ..... Traditional Shetland

Our Generosity Recipient for August is

**MacArthur Elementary School**

Please make checks out to Hope Unitarian Church  
and put "Generosity" on the memo line.

Checks with no notation will be applied to your pledge or to the Operating Fund.

**Offertory Response (unison)**

\* **Hymn #343 (SLT)** "A Firemist and a Planet"

\* **Extinguishing the Chalice (unison)** Reading #456

\* **Benediction**

\* **Hymn for Going Forth** "Here Together" (for Going Forth) ..... David M. Glasgow

**Postlude** "Sleep Soond in Da Morning" ..... Traditional Shetland

**Coffee & Conversation** *Please join us for coffee and cookies!*

\* *Please stand as you are able.*

*SLT = Singing the Living Tradition (gray hymnal)*

*STJ = Singing The Journey (teal hymnal)*

## THIS SUNDAY

Key Person: **James Donovan**

Special Music: **Julia Harris**  
**(hammered dulcimer)**

Greeters: **Warren Cox and Diana Cox**

Worship Associate: **Julia Harris**

Usher: **James Donovan**

AV: **Eve Bjornsgaard & Robert Billings**

Piano: **Amy Cottingham**

Slides: **Rebecca Jones**

Cookies: **Judy Sims**



## Who Are We?

We are thinkers and feelers, atheists and believers, children and adults, sinners and saints, gay and straight, rich and poor, new guests and old-timers, native Oklahomans and recent arrivals, conservatives and liberals, early planners and procrastinators...*Our differences unite us.* There is a place here for you, too.

We welcome all who believe that religion is wider than any sect and deeper than any set of opinions. This is a place where reason and wonder thrive. *Our spirituality is ever-evolving, never static.* Your faith will help us grow.

The work of this church in the world is realized through the generous financial support of all who call this place "home," along with the gifts of time and talent. *Ours is a shared ministry.* You have a role to play here.

### CHURCH PERSONNEL

**The Rev. Justin McCreary**, Minister  
**Tennille Wilson**, Director of Religious Education  
**Amy Cottingham**, Music Director and Pianist  
**Kimberly Burdick**, Church Administrator  
**Eve Bjornsgaard**, Worship Tech Coordinator  
**Elizabeth Obal**, Church Accountant