

## THIS WEEK AT SPC

January 21 - 27, 2023

### JANUARY "MESSENGER" CANCELED.

Due to COVID illness, the January monthly newsletter has been canceled and all essential information will be communicated via E-News and bulletin inserts.

The February edition will return as scheduled.

#### Monday, 6:30pm, EPYA (Sanctuary):

A community of support for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, non-binary, questioning, queer, intersex, asexual, two-spirit teens and their allies

#### Monday, 7pm, Teacher the Preacher (Zoom)

Share your questions and reflections on how the week's Lesson speaks to your spiritual journey

#### Tuesday, 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

All voices welcome! Make a joyful noise!

#### Saturday, 1pm, Yarns & Threads (Fellowship Hall):

A group of knitters, crocheters and embroidery-ers and makers of anything with yarn or thread meet once a month to work on various projects, including prayer shawls and baby blankets.

## "LIGHT RETURNS"

### Baptism through Transfiguration

January 7 - February 11

The light is coming back, even as winter begins in earnest. Worship this season celebrates the light of insight, renewal, and recommitment to the inner and outer work of transformation.

Black Bear, Wood Frog, Striped Skunk, and Lake Trout continue their journey with us through the winter.

#### **January 7: Let There Be**, Genesis 1:1-3

Baptism Sunday, with Congregational Blessing

#### **January 14: It Starts With Me**, Psalm 139:1-18

MLK Sunday, with Communion

#### **January 21: Beginner's Mind**, 1 Corinthians 7:29-32

#### **January 28: Inflection Point**, Mark 1:14-20

Ordination/Installation of Ordained Leaders

#### **February 4: Who We Really Are**, Mark 1:21-28

with Communion

#### **February 11: The Inner Work**, Mark 9:2-9

Transfiguration Sunday/Souper Bowl Sunday,  
with Palms to Ashes Ceremony

## Prayer for Beginning and Ending

One day you finally knew  
what you had to do, and began,  
though the voices around you  
kept shouting  
their bad advice—  
though the whole house  
began to tremble  
and you felt the old tug  
at your ankles.  
"Mend my life!"  
each voice cried.  
But you didn't stop.  
You knew what you had to do,  
though the wind pried  
with its stiff fingers  
at the very foundations,  
though their melancholy  
was terrible.  
It was already late  
enough, and a wild night,  
and the road full of fallen  
branches and stones.  
But little by little,  
as you left their voices behind,  
the stars began to burn  
through the sheets of clouds,  
and there was a new voice  
which you slowly  
recognized as your own,

that kept you company  
as you strode deeper and deeper  
into the world,  
determined to do  
the only thing you could do—  
determined to save  
the only life you could save.

## Sung Sermon Response

When I find myself in times of trouble  
Mother Mary comes to me  
Speaking words of wisdom, Let it be ...  
And in my hour of darkness  
She is standing right in front of me  
Speaking words of wisdom, Let it be ...

Let it be, let it be, Let it be, let it be  
Whisper words of wisdom, Let it be ...

And when the broken-hearted people  
Living in the world agree  
There will be an answer, Let it be ...  
For though they may be parted  
There is still a chance that they will see  
There will be an answer, Let it be ...

Let it be, let it be, Let it be, let it be  
Whisper words of wisdom, Let it be ...