CONTEMPLATIVE PRERECORDED SERVICE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021 - 5:30 P.M.
THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Officiant: The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher | Musician: Alisa Horn, cello

Virtual Congregation: Please join the Officiant and the Musician in silence and for the lighting of candles including any candles you may light wherever you are.

Welcome The Officiant

After the sound of a bell
Music for Meditation: Prelude, from Unaccompanied Suite for Violoncello No. 2 in D Minor
Johann Sebastian Bach

The Collect
O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Meditation offered by The Officiant followed by 30 seconds of silence started and ended with the sound of a bell
“For Courage” from To Bless The Space Between Us: A Book of Blessings by John O’Donohue

When the light around you lessens
And your thoughts darken until
Your body feels fear turn
Cold as a stone inside,

When you find yourself bereft
Of any belief in yourself
And all you unknowingly
Leaned on has fallen,

When one voice commands
Your whole heart,
And it is raven dark,

Steady yourself and see
That it is your own thinking
That darkens your world,

(continued...)
Search and you will find
A diamond-thought of light,

Know that you are not alone
And that this darkness has purpose;
Gradually it will school your eyes
To find the one gift your life requires
Hidden within this night-corner.

Invoke the learning
Of every suffering
You have suffered.

Close your eyes.
Gather all the kindling
About your heart
To create one spark.
That is all you need
To nourish the flame
That will cleanse the dark
Of its weight of festered fear.

A new confidence will come alive
To urge you toward higher ground
Where your imagination
Will learn to engage difficulty
As its most rewarding threshold!

Music for Meditation: Nana (Berceuse)  
Manuel DeFalla
Candles may be lighted. After the music has ended and the sound of a bell, all say

The Lord’s Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on
earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we for-
give those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For
thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings may be offered in the silence of our hearts

The Blessing
And now, the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and
love of God, and of God’s son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier,
be among us, and remain with us always. Amen.

Music for Meditation: Allemande, from Unaccompanied Suite No. 1 in G Major  
Johann Sebastian Bach

The Dismissal The service concludes with the sound of a bell and silence.