



**May's Theme:**  
***Cherishing the Interdependent Web of All Existence***  
**“All My Relations”:**  
***Celebrating the Wider Family of All Creatures***  
 Sunday, May 23, 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

**Music for Gathering** *Dianne Saichek, piano*

**\*Singing** # 203 All Creatures of the Earth and Sky

**Call to Worship** *Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones*

**Lighting the Chalice** *Elara Rivers and Emma Bowman*

**AFFIRMATION/AFIRMACION**

Love is the doctrine of this church,	<i>El amor es la doctrina de esta iglesia,</i>
The quest of truth is its sacrament,	<i>La búsqueda de la verdad es su sacramento,</i>
And service is its prayer.	<i>Y el servicio es su oración.</i>
To dwell together in peace	<i>Habitar juntos en paz</i>
To seek the truth in freedom	<i>Buscar la verdad con libertad</i>
To serve humankind in fellowship	<i>Y servir a la humanidad juntos</i>
To the end that all souls may grow	<i>Con el fin de que todas las almas</i>
Into harmony with the divine,	<i>Puedan crecer en armonía con lo divino;</i>
This do we covenant with one another.	<i>Esto es lo que pactamos unos con otros.</i>

**Welcome** *Rev. Geoff Rimositis*

**Story for All Ages** Koko's Kitten, *Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones*  
 by Dr. Francine Patterson

**Singing the Children to Their Classes**  
 # 203 All Creatures of the Earth and Sky, v. 1

**Sharing with Each Other: The Animals in Our Lives**

**Silence**

**Reflection** The Inherent Worth of Cats, and Spiders, and Me  
*Moria Merriweather, Worship Associate*

**Reflection** A Field Trip! *Frank Bosche, Worship Associate*

**\*Singing** # 175 We Celebrate the Web of Life

**Readings in Silence**

**Litany of Forgiveness** *Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones*  
*Congregation's response: We forgive ourselves and each other; we begin again in love.*

**Offering Our Gifts, with Announcements** *Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones*

**Blessing of the Animals**  
*At the sound of the bell, please say the name of those animals or creatures  
 whom you would like to bless.*

**\*Singing** # 323 Break Not the Circle  
*Let us replace the word “people” with “creatures” in all three verses  
 and the phrase “human bonds” with “all our bonds” in verse 2.*

**\*Benediction** *Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones*

*Following the service today, we offer a warm welcome for newcomers in the Fireside Room.  
 For members and friends, the Congregational Meeting begins 5 minutes after the service  
 ends. The End-of-Canvass Party begins right after the meeting!  
 Please see the Announcements page for all who helped bring this service to life!*



*\* As you are willing and able, please stand.  
 \*\*If you'd like headphones for sound amplification or for translation, please ask a Worship Host.  
 Translation into Spanish is available on Channel 2.*