



About the Cover: This month's bulletin cover showcases the vibrant doodle art of **Kathy N.** Kathy's whimsical flower designs are a perfect representation of our "Seeds of Hope" series, symbolizing new growth, resilience, and the beauty that emerges when we nurture the seeds of faith and community.

We invite other artists of all ages in the congregation to share their creativity! If you're inspired to contribute your own artwork for future bulletin covers, please reach out to Becky or Belen. Let's continue to celebrate hope through art!

Attendance: October 20 — 42

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October 27, 2024



Fall Series:

Seeds of Hope: Planting for the Future

Listening to the Gardener: Discerning God's Call



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Focus Question: How are you invited to listen to God's persistent call, even when we doubt or hesitate, trusting that both our struggles and strengths shape our growth?

Gathering Song

Tú estás aquí

Todd H.

VT 067

Welcome & Announcements

Michael Y.

Prayer for Peace

Call to Worship

Songs *Take My Life, and Let it Be*

VT 759

Offering/Song *Thuma Mina*

VT 834

Scripture Reading: Exodus 3:10-11, 4:10-16
Sue L.S. & Belen R.

Reflection

Listening for the Whispers of God

Merv H.

Song *Open My Eyes That I May See*

VT 738

Sharing Time & Prayer

Blessing & Song *You Are Salt for the Earth*

VT 297

Today's Volunteers:

Children's Church: Kathy N.Y., Elaine H., & Kristina B.M.

Nursery: Elaine T., Kerry C., Jenny G.

Translator: Erin Be-Mo

This Week

Tue., 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study @ Greencroft

Wed., 6:30 PM Youth Group @ Erin's

Wed., 6:30 PM Bilingual Group @ Martin's

Next Sunday:

9:45 AM Koinonia Kafé

Scripture: Matthew 13:24-30

Theme: *Weeds & Wheat: Embracing Imperfection*

Special Focus: *Remembrance Sunday*

Children's Church: Daisy G.L., Michael Y., & Jenny G.

Nursery: Deena B., Alan L., Kristina B.M.

Koinonia Kafé next Sunday!

Join us at 9:45 AM next Sunday in the fellowship hall for a time of connection over fresh rolls, fruit, and other delicious treats. It's a great chance to catch up, meet new faces, and enjoy being together before worship. Come as you are, bring a friend, and let's share some good food and conversation. See you there!

Remembrance Sunday

Next Sunday, we will observe Remembrance Sunday, a time to honor and remember the people in our lives who have passed on. During our worship service, we'll pause to reflect on the impact of those who have gone before us—family, friends, mentors, and others whose presence shaped our lives. Together, we'll create space for remembrance, gratitude, and connection to the enduring legacy of those we've lost. All are welcome to join in this time of remembering.

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