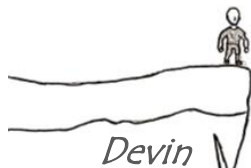
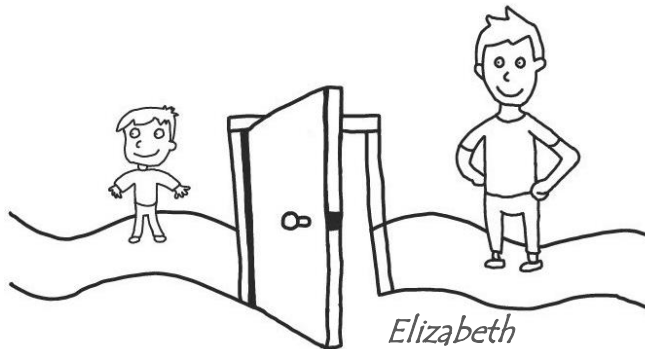


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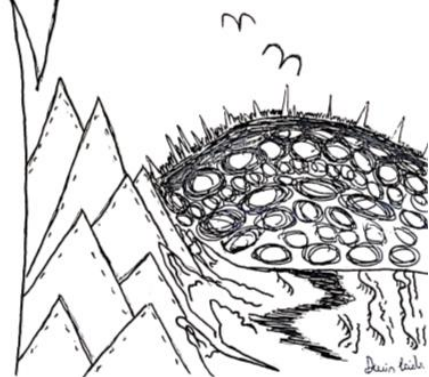
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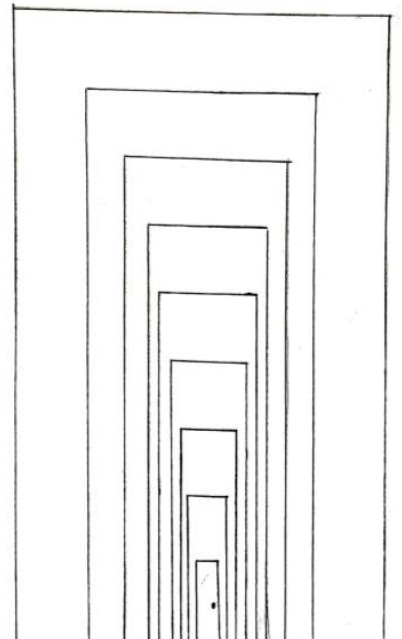
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2022

**Coming of Age**  
**A Journey and Celebration**

**CELEBRATING OUR COMING OF AGE YOUTH:** James Bramley, Dillon Denny-Brown, Elizabeth Campbell, and Devin Leida

**LEADERS:** Sarah Klockowski, Bob Doud, Mark Bailey, Cath VanPraagh, and Rev. Annie Gonzalez

**SOUND OF THE BELL**

**PRELUDE**

Steve Sussman - piano

**CHALICE LIGHTING**

Coming of Age Youth

*Each of the Coming of Age youth present their own chalice lighting words.*

**OPENING HYMN**

“Where Do We Come From”

No. 1003

Where do we come from?  
What are we?  
Where are we going? (x2)

Mystery, mystery, life is a riddle and a mystery (x2)

Where do we come from? Where are we going? (repeated)

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Devin Leida and Elizabeth Campbell

**ABOUT COMING OF AGE**

Bob Doud and Cath Van Praagh

**UNISON AFFIRMATION**

James Bramley

Love is the spirit of this church  
And service is its law.  
This is our great covenant:  
To dwell together in peace,  
To seek the truth in love,  
And to help one another.

El amor es el Espíritu de esta Iglesia  
Y el servicio es su ley.  
Este es nuestro gran pacto:  
Vivir juntos en paz,  
buscar la verdad en el amor,  
Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.

**READING**

“The Man in the Glass”  
By Peter Dale Wimbrow

Elizabeth Campbell

**CREDO STATEMENTS**

James Bramley and Dillon Denny-Brown

**OFFERING**

Dillon Denny-Brown

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**OFFERTORY**

“The Path of the Wind”  
from *My Neighbor Totoro*

James Bramley – saxophone

**CREDO STATEMENTS**

Elizabeth Campbell and Devin Leida

**PROMISES AND COMMITMENTS**Charge to the Parents

Rev. Annie Gonzalez

*Parents' Response:*

*Now, as ever, we give you our affection and support. We have loved you and been your allies in the past and we are with you now as you become young adults and take your role as leaders in our community. You are a most precious resource, and we treasure you.*

Charge to Coming of Age Youth

Sarah Klockowski

*Youth Response:*

*Now, as ever, we open ourselves to the lifelong journey of growing in mind, heart and spirit. As members of this faith community, we will strive to make this congregation - and all the groups we are in - places where everyone may speak and be heard, and where all people may both be challenged and comforted.*

Presentation of Gifts

Coming of Age Leaders

Charge to Congregation

Mark Bailey

*Congregational Response:*

*Now as ever, we commit to you our continuing friendship and share with you the hopes and challenges of building the world we dream of. We pledge to guide and help you as you continue on your path. May you always feel at home in this congregation and with us - and may we continue to grow together and be witnesses to the values of our faith.*

**CLOSING HYMN**

“Blue Boat Home”

No. 1064

Though below me, I feel no motion standing on these mountains and plains.  
Far away from the rolling ocean still my dry land heart can say:  
I've been sailing all my life now, never harbor or port have I known.  
The wide universe is the ocean I travel and the earth is my blue boat home.

Sun my sail and moon my rudder as I ply the starry sea,  
leaning over the edge in wonder, casting questions into the deep.  
Drifting here with my ship's companions, all we kindred pilgrim souls,  
making our way by the lights of the heavens in our beautiful blue boat home.

I give thanks to the waves up holding me, hail the great winds urging me on,  
greet the infinite sea before me, sing the sky my sailor's song:  
I was born up on the fathoms, never harbor or port have I known.  
The wide universe is the ocean I travel, and the earth is my blue boat home.

**CLOSING WORDS**

from *A Light in the Attic*  
by Shel Silverstein

Devin Leida

**POSTLUDE**

“Underground River”

Kevin Penkin - [instrument]

☞ *Focal Point donated in loving memory of my husband Richard by Mary Hyatt. ☞  
This would have been our 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary.*



After services, join us for coffee, tea, and conversation, weather and COVID permitting.



**THIS SUNDAY’S VOLUNTEERS**

**USHERS** – [Names]

**COFFEE** – Paul Bradford and Moriah Tumbleson-Shaw

Sign up for coffee and ushering <http://www.uubedford.org/coffee-usher-signups/>

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**EVENTS AT FIRST PARISH THIS WEEK**

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**SUNDAY – 5/22**

11:00 AM ALL-CHURCH PICNIC  
2:00 PM BROGAN JOE MURPHY’S  
ART OPENING RECEPTION  
7:00 PM WOMEN’S BOOK GROUP

**TUESDAY – 5/24**

7:00 PM ONE CHURCH 101

**WEDNESDAY – 5/25**

3:30 PM JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP  
7:00 PM UNCOMFORTABLE CONVERSATIONS  
ABOUT RACE – FOLLOW UP

**THURSDAY – 5/26**

9:30 AM SHORT STORY GROUP  
3:30 PM JUNIOR YOUTH CHOIR  
4:00 PM LEADERSHIP TEAM  
5:30 PM SENIOR YOUTH CHOIR

