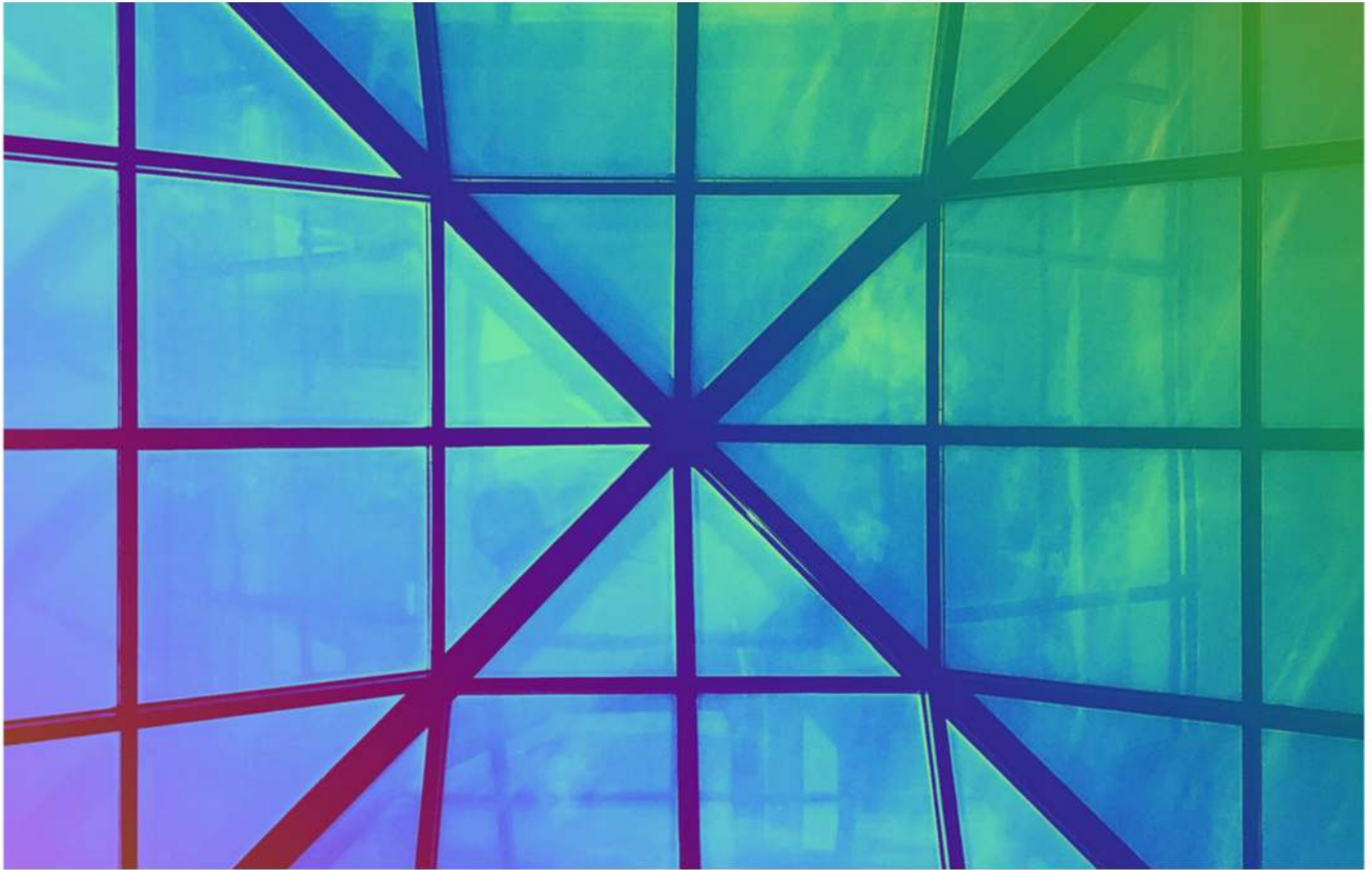


CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY PROGRAMMING

2024 - 2025



Belonging. Becoming. Being.

Our weekly Religious Education (RE) programs are more than just a place for kids to keep busy while adults attend to the serious business of church. It's about creating spaces of **belonging**, where we listen, laugh, care, and build connections. It is about **becoming** a community that learns and grows together. And it is about supporting each other as we live our values in the world by **being** loving, generous, faithful, and compassionate people.

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Children's RE - Holy Troublemakers & Unconventional Saints

Meets during worship September-May, except during all ages services and school breaks. Open to children through 5th grade. Children's RE offers kids a chance to connect, play, and discover. This year, we'll explore the power of love and justice through *Holy Troublemakers & Unconventional Saints*, learning about people of diverse faiths who challenge the status quo for a better world. Each Sunday kids can engage with that week's themes in our open playrooms, including the art room, contemplation room, make-believe room, game area, nature space, music space, and makers space.

YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Youth RE - C2: Coming of Age Cafe

Meets during worship on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays, September-May, except during all ages services and school breaks. Open to youth in 6th grade and up. C2 is a unique coming-of-age space where youth can connect, collaborate, create, rest, and explore deep questions of identity, belonging, and purpose. Designed to honor youth choice and support them in taking ownership of their spiritual paths. C2 offers a welcoming environment where they can play a game, make art, enjoy a snack, reflect on the weekly theme, or simply relax.

Creativity Matters

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm. Open to high school youth & adults. Creativity Matters is a monthly drop-in group where we explore spirituality through art. It's about letting creativity and imagination lead the way. No experience or artistic skill needed—just bring a playful and adventurous spirit!

FAMILY & ALL AGES PROGRAMS

All Ages Worship

Children and youth are always welcome to join their families in Sunday's service. We provide supplies and worship-related materials designed just for our youngest members, and for those who need a bit more space to move, our balcony and family room are open.

Throughout the year, we also come together for special all ages worship services, where our entire community gathers as one. On these days, our Religious Education (RE) groups take a break as we mark important holidays and traditions together. These services are filled with interactive elements and the spirit of sharing. Mark your calendars for our *all age services on Sept. 8, Oct. 27, Nov. 24, Dec. 15, Dec. 22, Feb. 9, Apr. 20, Apr. 27, May 18, and June 1.*

Parent/Caregiver Small Group

Meets monthly on a Friday evening. Drop-ins welcome. Check our events calendar for upcoming dates. Open to all parents and caregivers—no matter the age of your children—this group offers a chance to connect, share, and support one another on the parenting journey. Whether you are navigating the joys and challenges of the early years or the teenage phase, you'll find a community here that learns, laughs, and grows together. Our evenings begin with a shared meal, followed by time for kids to enjoy play in RE while parents and caregivers engage in meaningful conversation.

Multigenerational Events

Our Religious Education program aims to be a space for intergenerational connections and community building. Building this kind of community takes practice, just like learning any new skill. As Brene Brown says, we can create the community we seek by practicing three simple skills: staying awkward, brave, and kind. This year, our RE Team has planned events to help us do just that—like the Winter Retreat, Peeps Dioramas, and Game Day. *Check the events calendar for dates and activities*, and join us as we work together to create the community we envision, one brave, awkward, and kind moment at a time.