

**Worship and Spiritual Life Committee
Report to Session – March 16, 2022**

The Worship & Spiritual Life Committee met in person on Wednesday, March 9, 2022.

Members attending: Jane Burbank, Carol Cutler, Pat Dolack, Helen Jones, Steve Makela, Marcia Murphy, Janice Prichard, Carol Pye (chair), Greg Sekula

Members excused: Viola Blackwell, Janice Prichard, Betty Smith

Staff attending: Kent Winters-Hazleton, Vini Frizzo

Guest: Melissa McCarty

Items for Action:

- Adding a “Peace Candle” to the permanent sanctuary set-up.

This idea arose out of an urge to have something in the sanctuary to reflect the congregation’s concern about the situation in Ukraine. There was much discussion around this, including the view that there are other populations around the world suffering at the hands of violent neighbors and political leaders. A Peace Candle would reflect our concern for all unstable parts of the world, and would continue to be lit beyond the hoped-for peace in Ukraine.

Items for Information:

- WSL will propose to the Task Force for Reopening (meeting March 17) that we resume some form of real bread and juice for communion. Options for safe serving have been explored.

- Staff is discussing how to incorporate the youth-led service into the Easter Morning schedule.

- WSL is in discussions with Property as to how to best accommodate the space needs of the expanding music ministry (handbells and HPC Orchestra). Removal of a pew or two is being considered.

- Upcoming special services:

- Healing & Wholeness – Thursday, March 31, 6 p.m.
- Maundy Thursday – April 14, 7 p.m. (handbells & HPC Orchestra)
- Good Friday – April 15, 7 p.m. (choir, clarinet quintet)

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Pye, Chair