

FIRST UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN CHURCH

Gathered in 1870



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 26, 2021
10:30 AM

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BELLCHIME

PRELUDE

“Epiphany Suite”

Gustav Holst, John H. Hopkins, trad. English carol, arr. Paul A. Tate

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE

**We light this chalice for the light of truth,
the warmth of love,
and the fire of commitment.
We light this symbol of our faith
as we gather together.**

*OPENING HYMN No. 1

“May Nothing Evil Cross this Door”

words: Untermeyer; music: Quail

*AFFIRMATION

**Love is the doctrine of this church:
The quest of truth is its sacrament,
And service is its prayer.
To dwell together in peace,
To seek knowledge in freedom,
To serve human need,
To the end that all souls shall grow
 into harmony with the Divine—
Thus do we covenant with each other.**

*DOXOLOGY

**From all that dwell below the skies
Let songs of hope and faith arise;
Let peace, good will on earth be sung
Through every land, by every tongue.**

OFFERTORY

“Lully, Lullay, Thou Tiny Child”

English Coventry Carol arr. Teresa Wilhelmi

PRAYER AND SILENT MEDITATION

PRAYER HYMN NO. 123 *(sung by the congregation, seated)*

“Spirit of Life”

Carolyn McDade

READING

“December 26”

Kenn Nesbitt

Colossians 3:12-17

MUSIC MEDITATION

“Baloo Lammy”

trad. Celtic, arr. David Huntsinger

SERMON

*CLOSING HYMN No. 6

“Just as Long as I have Breath”

words: Carpenter; music: Ebeling

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Go Tell it on the Mountain”

trad., arr. Mark Hayes

* **Please rise as able.**

OUR VISION

We are a safe haven, where all are accepted, valued, and connected. We support and encourage each other in exploring our religious, spiritual, and intellectual paths. Through our shared ministry, music, and meditation, we rejoice and mourn together. We are active partners in service to others. We bring light to social justice issues and are conduits for sparking change in ourselves, our community, and the world.

OUR MISSION

To transform ourselves and the larger community by being a bright and welcoming sanctuary of hope, compassion, service, and understanding—allowing individuals of differing spiritual and religious beliefs to experience acceptance and support, a sense of belonging, and continued personal growth as part of a free-thinking, inclusive church community.

WELCOME

Today's service is led by Brian Mason, Minister in the Church. The worship associate is Carl Drake. The music is provided by Margaret Jerz, Music Director in the Church.

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NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE

Next Sunday, January 2nd, at 10:30AM, join us for a service led by Randy Jefferson.

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