

FIRST UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN CHURCH

Gathered in 1870



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 12, 2021
10:30 AM

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BELLCHIME

PRELUDE

“Come to Set Us Free”

trad. Puerto Rican folk hymn, arr. Lloyd Larson

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. 225

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

trad. 9th century Latin

*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.**

STORY FOR ALL AGES

CHILDREN'S SONG

Juliana Nord

**May peace surround you,
May love surround you,
As you go, as you go,
As you go on your way. (Repeat)**

OFFERTORY

“I Wonder as I Wander”

trad. Appalachian, arr. M. Hayes

PRAYER AND SILENT MEDITATION

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

“Spirit of Life”

Carolyn McDade

READING

Luke 3:7-18

MUSIC MEDITATION

“Where the Promise Shines”

words by Sylvia G. Dunstan, music by Bob Moore

SERMON

*CLOSING HYMN No. 235

“Deck the Halls”

trad. Welsh

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“The Christmas Song”

music and lyrics by Mel Torme and Robert Wells

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

The preacher is the Reverend Brian Mason, Minister in the Church. The worship leader is Amy Place. The Story for All Ages is from Jes Zimmer, Director of Religious Education in the Church. The music is provided by the First UU Wausau Adult Choir and Margaret Jerz, Music Director in the Church.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday, December 19th, at 10:30 AM, join us for our annual Christmas Pageant!

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