

Hearing-assistance headsets and large-print hymnals and orders of service are available at the back of the sanctuary.

INGATHERING

"Adagio Cantabile" from Sonata 8 (Ludwig Van Beethoven) and "The Wexford Carol" (traditional Irish)

WELCOME

Bryan Field, PUUC Governing Board

PRELUDE

"The Longest Night" (Megan Henderson)

CHALICE LIGHTING

"Advent Dawn" (Thomas R. Smith) Barbara Harlow

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Winter Solstice" (Rebecca Ann Parker) Rev. Lane

*** SINGING HYMN #83**

"Winds Be Still" (Richard S. Kimball, words; Samuel Sebastian Wesley, music)

TIME FOR ALL AGES

"Snow Day" (Lester L. Laminack; Adam Gustavson, illustrator)

READING

"Snow Day" (Billy Collins)

REFLECTION I

"Rest" Rev. Lane

*** SINGING HYMN # 55**

"Dark of Winter" (Shelley Jackson Denham)

*You are invited to rise

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Love is the spirit of this congregation,
and service is its call.

Let this be our covenant:

to dwell together in peace,

to seek the truth in love,

and to help one another. (James Vila Blake, adapted)

CANDLE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"The Coming of Winter" (Miriam Dunn)

JOYS AND SORROWS

MUSICAL RESPONSE HYMN #123

"Spirit of Life" (Carolyn McDade)

READING

"The Snow Man" (Wallace Stevens)

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from "The Mind of Winter" in *Learning to Fall* (Philip Simmons)

REFLECTION II

"Wonder" (Rev. Lane)

READING

"Winter Grace" (Patricia Fagnoli)

*** SINGING HYMN #241**

"In the Bleak Midwinter" (Christina Georgina Rossetti and John Andrew Storey, words; Gustav Theodore Holst, music)

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE

"Goldberg Variation 7" (Johann Sebastian Bach)

We nurture a loving, inclusive, spiritual community
embracing all ages;

We witness for our liberal Unitarian Universalist faith
with compassion and generosity;

We serve and inspire the local and global community
through social action and the arts.

As a certified Welcoming Congregation,
we offer a religious home for people of
all gender identities and sexual orientations.

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SUNDAY SERVICE
DECEMBER 17, 2023

WINTERKEEPING

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REV. LANE FISHER
WORSHIP ASSISTANT
BARBARA HARLOW

GUEST MUSICIAN
MEGAN HENDERSON

SPECIAL MUSIC
MIRIAM DUNN

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CHORUS

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A quiet time of year cold and dark
Where the warmth and the light come
from within
Winter's fire smoke and spark
(Winter's blanket white and stark)

Gone are the flowers bright and dancing
And the trees have dropped their leaves to the ground
The harvest now in cellars, frozen or in jars
Gone south is the birds sweet morning sound

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Underneath the ground below the frost line
The seeds of life sleep safely there
With the cycles of the moon the months will pass
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