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

INGATHERING Shenandoah (Traditional Folk Melody, Arr. Keith Jarrett)

**WELCOME** Bryan Field, PUUC Governing Board

**PRELUDE** This Day We Come (Carolyn McDade)

**CHALICE LIGHTING** (Cindy Fesgen) Stewart Harris

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Sharon Wylie) Rev. Lane

\* **SINGING HYMN #1007** There's a River Flowin' in My Soul (Rose Sanders; arr. Kenny Smith)

CANDLE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE Pegg Monahan

## 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.

### OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

As We Sing of Hope and Joy Today (Elizabeth Alexander) UU Peterborough Choir JOYS AND SORROWS MOMENT OF SILENCE MUSICAL RESPONSE #123

Spirit of Life (Carolyn McDade)

**READING I** (Alison Kafer)

**READING II** (Julia Watts Belser)

\* **SINGING HYMN #1053** How Could Anyone (Libby Roderick)

SERMON Loving Our Own Bones, Rev. Lane

\*SINGING HYMN#368

Now Let Us Sing (Source unknown)

CLOSING WORDS (Julia Watts Belser)

## EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

(Elizabeth Selle Jones) in unison We extinguish this chalice, but not the light of truth, the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment. These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.

**POSTUDE** The Rest of Our Lives (Carolyn McDade)

It takes many volunteers to create worship: musicians, our tech team, a board member, a worship assistant, ushers, greeters, childcare volunteers, and hospitality providers and servers. Please join me in thanking all who have made our gathering possible today!

## **PUUC Mission Statement**

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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# PETERBOROUGH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

**SUNDAY SERVICE** FEBRUARY 2, 2025

LOVING OUR OWN BONES

WORSHIP LEADER REV. LANE FISHER

WORSHIP ASSISTANT STEWART HARRIS

**MUSIC DIRECTOR** MARYBETH HALLINAN

## As We Sing of Hope and Joy Today

(Elizabeth Alexander)

As we sing of hope and joy today Some know only anguish and despair How can we lift our voices in this way While some have pain and misery to spare?

If a crumbling world we would renew, We must sing no ordinary song. Peels from a noisy gong will never do! In every breath compassion must belong.

Let this song our greatest hope contain; Laughter of a well-fed child its tune, Roofs over every heartbeat its refrain, It's harmony from peaceful cities hewn.

Sing of joy while hammering each nail! Sing of hope while pulling every weed! So shall we sing together and prevail; May every Alleluia bear a seed.



Masks are recommended and are available from the ushers. If you have respiratory symptoms, please join us by Zoom.

The sunflowers on our altar each week remind us to hold the people of Ukraine--and all who suffer the violence of war-in our caring, our hopes, and our prayers.

The flowers today are given by Rev. Lane



# PUUC CALENDAR THIS WEEK

**Today, February 2** 12:30 pm, UU and You, parish hall stage

**Tuesday, February 4** 9:30 am, CoSM,

Wednesday, February 5 9:00 am, Family Ministry think tank, RE wing 5:30 pm, Community Supper, dining room

#### Sunday, February 9

10:15 am, Sunday service, sanctuary11:30 am, Conversation on family ministry12:00 pm, Soul Matters, RE wing12:30 pm, UU and You, parish hall stage