

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

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## **INGATHERING**

"Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme" (J.S. Bach)

## **WELCOME**

Sarah Dengler, PUUC Governing Board

## **PRELUDE**

"Toccata in G" (Dennis Eliot)

## **CHALICE LIGHTING**

Diana Muxworthy Feige

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Mike Lambert

## **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**

## **\* SINGING HYMN**

"Life's Mirror" (Madeline Bridges) words in insert

## **READING**

"A Christmas Prayer" (Rev. Maureen Killoran) Bev Spiro

## **REFLECTION**

Bryan Field

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY**

Choir: Hymn #27 "I Am That Great and Fiery Force"  
(words, Hildegard of Bingen; music, Josquin Desprez,  
adapted by Anthony Petti)

## **REFLECTION**

Claudia Dery

## **JOYS AND SORROWS**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **MUSICAL RESPONSE HYMN #123**

"Spirit of Life" (Carolyn McDade)

## **REFLECTION**

Pedro Sandin

## **\* SINGING HYMN #16**

"'Tis a Gift to be Simple" (Joseph Brackett)

## **REFLECTION**

Rev. Lane Fisher

## **\* SINGING HYMN #402**

"From You I Receive" (Nathan Segal)

## **PARTING WORDS**

Robin Folsom

## **EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

## **POSTLUDE**

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" (J.S. Bach)

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\*You are invited to rise

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 CONGREGATION**



**SUNDAY SERVICE**  
DECEMBER 10, 2023

### **THINKING ABOUT GIFTS**

#### **WORSHIP LEADERS**

CLAUDA DERY, DIANA MUXWORTHY FEIGE,  
BRYAN FIELD, MICHAEL LAMBERT,  
BEV SPIRO, ROBIN FOLSOM,  
REV. LANE FISHER, PEDRO SANDIN

<b>INTERN CHOIR DIRECTOR</b>	<b>GUEST MUSICIAN</b>
SIMON FURZE	BOB JOHNSON

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6:00 pm, Meditation Group, parish hall stage

#### **Wednesday, December 13**

3:30 pm, Caregivers Group, Carll house

5:30 pm, Community Supper, dining room

7:00 pm, Finance committee on Zoom

#### **Thursday, December 14**

5:00 pm, Care Network on Zoom

5:30 pm, Handbells concert, parish hall

#### **Friday, December 15**

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There are souls that are pure and true;  
Then give to the world the best you have,  
And the best will come back to you.

Give love, and love to your life will flow,  
A strength in your utmost need;  
Have faith, and a score of hearts will show  
Their faith in your word and deed.

Give truth, and your gift will be paid in kind,  
And honour will honour meet;  
And a smile that is sweet will surely find  
A smile that is just as sweet.

Give sorrow and pity to those who mourn;  
You will gather in flowers again  
The scattered seeds of your thought outborne,  
Though the sowing seemed but vain.

For life is the mirror of king and slave,  
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