

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

INGATHERING

Glockenspiel from The Magic Flute (Mozart); Somewhere in My Memory from Home Alone (John Williams); The First Noel (traditional English melody) Handbells of Peterborough: Barbara Harlow, Ellen Levy, Kate Luce, Mary Ellen Bushnell, Peggy Brown, Sarah Burt, Susan Garcia

WELCOME

Anna Aasgaard, PUUC Governing Board

PRELUDE

Let There Be Peace on Earth (Sy Miller and Jill Jackson)

CHALICE LIGHTING

(Gordon B. McKeeman) read by Cheryl Houston

CALL TO WORSHIP

"We Gather to Draw a Wider Circle" (Rev. Gretchen Haley)
Rev. Lane

*** SINGING HYMN #352**

Find a Stillness (Carl Seaburg, words; Transylvanian hymn; Larry Phillips, harmony)

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

Mary Vallier-Kaplan

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Te Deum (Marc Antoine Charpentier)

JOYS AND SORROWS

MOMENT OF SILENCE

MUSICAL RESPONSE #123

Spirit of Life (Carolyn McDade)

READING

"When we gather to wonder about the sacred" (Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer, wordwoman.com)

*** SINGING HYMN #112**

Do You Hear? (Emily L. Thorn, words; William Caldwell's Union Harmony (1837), music)

READING

"Looking for God" (Pedro Sandin)

SERMON

Sensing the Sacred (Rev. Lane)

*** SINGING HYMN #18**

What Wondrous Love (American folk and Connie Campbell Hart, words; Southern Harmony melody)

CLOSING WORDS

(Elena Westbrook)

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE

Angeles II (Charles Gounod)

*You are invited to rise

It takes many volunteers to create worship: today, the Handbells of Peterborough, our wonderful tech team, a board member, a worship assistant, ushers, greeters, childcare volunteers, and hospitality providers and servers. Together, we make this hour sacred.

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
DECEMBER 15, 2024

SENSING THE SACRED

WORSHIP LEADER
REV. LANE FISHER

WORSHIP ASSISTANT
CHERYL HOUSTON

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
MINISTRIES**
MARYBETH HALLINAN

SPECIAL MUSIC
HANDBELLS OF PETERBOROUGH

Masks are optional 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.



PUUC CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Today

11:30 am, Social Justice, RE wing

Monday, December 16

6:00 pm, Solstice choir, parish hall

Tuesday, December 17

12:30 pm, Worship committee, Carll house

6:00 pm, Governing Board, RE Wing

Wednesday, December 18

3:30 pm, Caregivers group, parish hall stage

5:30 pm, Community supper, dining room

Thursday, December 19

4:00, Property committee, on Zoom

6:00, Solstice choir, parish hall

Sunday, December 22

10:15 am, Sunday service, sanctuary

UUA Values

Love is at the center of Unitarian Universalism's shared values:

- Interdependence: We honor the interdependent web of all existence and acknowledge our place in it.
- Pluralism: We are all sacred beings, diverse in culture, experience, and theology.
- Justice: We work to be diverse, multicultural, Beloved Communities where all feel welcome and can thrive.
- Transformation: We adapt to the changing world.
- Generosity: We cultivate a spirit of gratitude and hope.
- Equity: We declare that every person is inherently worthy and has the right to flourish with dignity, love, and compassion.

