

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

* **Please join in singing the words in bold type.**

WELCOME

Rev. Lane Fisher

INTRODUCTION

*Round and Round (Author Unknown)

**Round and round the Earth is turning,
Turning always round 'til morning
And from morning round to night.**

BEFOREHAND

Keep the Fire (B.J. Brown)

A CIRCLE IS CAST

*We are a Circle (Rick Hamouris)

CHORUS (2x)

**We are a circle, within a circle,
With no beginning, and never ending.**



INVOCATION

Benedicta Es (Words and Music Chris Carol, arr Susan Schleef)

INTO THE DARKNESS

Winter Solstice Chant (words, Anne Bearheart; arr. Julie Middleton)

Though My Soul (F.J. Haydn)

Wings (Suzanne Sterling)

SILENT MEDITATION

THE LIGHT RETURNS

Deep in the Dark (Anna Ophidia Alekner)

Kore Evohe (John Schrag; based on chant by Sabina C. Becker)

SPREADING THE LIGHT

SILENT MEDITATION

*Imani (Rachael A. K. Hazen) **CHORUS**

**Imani, faith, can come like a spirit,
Spirit come like walking on air.
Take a step and trust in the path and
Mother Imani meet you there.**

* We've Got the Power (Traditional, South Africa)

We've got the power, alleluia!

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BENEDICTION & CLOSING

Carry it Home (Betsy Rose)

SILENT MEDITATION

Let the Spirit Come to You (Anodea Judith)

RECESSIONAL

When We are Gone (Starhawk and Anne Hill)

OFFERINGS toward the work of this church will be accepted at the exits at the close of this service.

Our congregation acknowledges that we meet on the ancestral lands of the western Abenaki. We honor their elders past, present, and future and seek wisdom to guide us in healing harm to Indigenous peoples.

*Please rise in body or spirit

It takes many volunteers to create worship: choir and community singers, our trusty tech team, ushers, greeters, childcare volunteers, and hospitality providers and servers. Let us all thank those who have made our gathering possible today!



Covenant of the Peterborough Unitarian Universalist Congregation

As Unitarian Universalists, we embrace covenant as our foundation and love as our guiding principle. We strive to:

- Welcome, include, and appreciate a diversity of people and ideas
- Listen respectfully, speak honestly and directly, and assume good intentions
- Make decisions and take actions that promote justice and equity
- Support our community through generosity, service, and compassion
- Nurture our spiritual connections to nature and the sacred

When we fall short of our aspirations, we will accept feedback and work to heal harm. We will practice forgiveness and welcome it.

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A SOLSTICE SINGING RITUAL

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MARYBETH HALLINAN
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