

ORDER OF SERVICE

December 11, 2022

Prelude *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*
trad. French/arr. Larson

Welcome and Announcements

Introit Excerpt from “Jubilate Deo” Jay Althouse

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn “Just as Long as I Have Breath” No. 6 [STLT]

Chalice and Advent Candle Lighting

Unison Affirmation

Love is the doctrine of this church,
The quest for truth its sacrament,
And service its prayer.
To dwell together in peace,
To seek knowledge in freedom,
To serve human need,
To the end that all souls shall
grow into harmony with the Divine —
Thus do we covenant
with each other and with God.

Community Joys and Sorrows

Pastoral Prayer

Musical Response “Alleluia! Sang Stars” No. 363 [STLT]

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Offertory

Our 50/50 partner organization† this month is My Brother’s Table.

Candles of Faith, Hope, Love, and Joy

You are invited to come forward and light a candle. Faith, hope, love, and joy are the traditional qualities ascribed to the four Advent candles.

Reading “On Joy and Sorrow”
The Prophet, by Kahlil Gibran

Anthem “Riu Riu Chiu” Linda Spevacek

Sermon “Recovering Joy” Rev. Chris Scheller

*Closing Hymn “Siyahamba” No. 1030 [STJ]
Zulu, marching....., singing...

Benediction

Congregational Response: *Amen*

Postlude *Joy* George Winston

Extinguishing the Chalice and the Advent Candles

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†We share our Sunday morning offering each month with an organization that is dedicated to alleviating human suffering or oppression. The collection will benefit both the church and charity:

- all loose cash in the collection plates will be split on a 50/50 basis between the church and the charity
- checks payable to the church will go only to the church—and toward your pledge—unless otherwise designated (e.g. writing “50/50” on the memo line)
- all checks payable to the charity will go to the charity

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

The Rev. Chris Scheller, Minister of Community Life and Learning

Kenneth Griffith II, Director of Music

David Collins, Keyboard

The UUCGL Choir

Jason Gatlin, Livestream Service

WE ARE A SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY

that gathers to explore deeper truths together,

to support one another through the complexities

and struggles of daily life, and to serve the greater good by

becoming more compassionate in our thoughts, words and actions.

Join with us to cultivate reverence, peacefulness, and an ethic of

loving engagement with the world.

COMMUNITY HEALTH

With a return to cooler weather, indoor activities, and more of us together at church, we encourage members of our congregation to follow CDC guidance, get the latest vaccinations for Covid and flu, and please join us virtually if you have any symptoms of illness. Masks are available at the front door and our choir remains masked. Seating for those who wish to observe social distancing is reserved at the front of the sanctuary at the right hand side. Access our latest Community Health Advisory Team Update on our website at: uucgl.org/communityhealth.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visit uucgl.org for more information and additional announcements.

UUCGL Church History Ministry Team

TODAY | 11:30am (Fellowship Room)

ECCO End of Year Virtual Celebration

December 11 | 6-7:30pm

How to Rid Ourselves of Plastic Pollution

Monday, December 12 | 6:30pm (In Person & Online)

Tai Chi and Qigong Demonstration

December 14 | 11am (Classes: January-March)

Please use the link in the Weekly Update or on our website to register for the free demonstration.

Season's Grievings: A Zoom Gathering

Wednesday, December 14 | 7-8pm

Are the holidays hard for you? We will join online to support one another through a group process of deep listening, reflection and musical meditation. Please use the link in the Weekly Update or on our website to register.

Connecting Conversations

Sunday, December 18 | 11:30am

Solace At The Solstice

Wednesday, December 21, 7-8pm

Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 24 | 5:30pm

Gift Cards for My Brother's Table

The Social Justice Ministry Team is asking church members (if able) to purchase a \$20 gift card (Target, Walmart, or generic Visa or MasterCard) to be given out to those in need at MBT on Christmas. A basket will be provided in church each Sunday. Gift cards may also be left in a basket on the table in the foyer or the Lucite folder on the office door. **Cards will be collected until Sunday, December 18th.** Please consider this new way of helping our neighbors this Christmas. Thank you!

Fair Trade Sales Are Back! After the service, Fair Trade coffee, tea, cocoa mix, extra virgin olive oil, chocolate bars, and dried mangoes will be available for purchase during Fellowship Hour. While limited supplies last, UU ceramic mugs and Unitarian Universalist Service Committee travel mugs are also available.