ORDER OF SERVICE December 3, 2023

Ingathering Music			Pastoral Prayer		
Introit	"Where Are We?"	set by K.E.G.	Sung Response	Return Again	No. 1011 [STJ]
Call to Worship			Offertory	I Wonder as I Wander	John Jacob Niles/arr. Nevue
*Opening Hymn "Sovereign and Transforming Grace" No. 33[STLT]			We welcome your offerings for the Mitten Tree at this time.		
			Our 50/50 split this month benefits My Brother's Table in Lynn.		
Chalice Lighting			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 organization:		
Lighting the Advent C	Candles				
Responsive Litany	"Light of Hope"	Joel Raney	 all loose cash in the collection plates will be split on a 50/50 basis between the church and the organization 		
Light of peace, calm our despair,			 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 organization will go to the organization 		
Light of hope, lift us up when we fall.					
Light of joy, brighter	-		an checks payable		gamzation
Light of love, teach us your ways.			Reading	"Advent Poem"	
т • .1 (A • 1 • .1 • .1 1 · .			Enuma Okorio, Nigeriar	n-American, contemporary
Love is more than a f	flicker within the human heart.		Sermon	"I Wonder" R	ev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein
•	ith little time for others, Adver	nt calls us to	Jermon	i wonder i i	av. Di. victoria weinstein
remember that			*Closing Hymn	"Mysterious Presence, Source	of All" No. 92 [STLT]
Love is patient.					
In a world where we	often become consumed by ou	ır own interests,	Sending Forth		
Advent calls us to remember that			Benediction		
Love is kind.					
In a world where we are often quick to anger and slow to forgive, Advent calls us to remember that			Congregational Response: Amen		
		to forming	Postlude	Winterreit On 69 No. 3	9 Robert Schumann
÷	me to understand, and often le faithfully in the shining dark	•	rostidue	Winterzeit, Op. 68, No. 3	7 Robert Schumann
This Advent, we abide faithfully in the shining dark of the unknown, Where Love is always waiting to be born through us, into the world.			Extinguishing the Lights		
Refrain			We extinguish the candles but not the lights. These we carry in our hearts and our actions as we go forth.		
*Please rise in body or in spirit.			*Dlassa nisa in hadu on in stinit		

Joys and Sorrows

We share in community now our sorrows, our prayer requests, and our great joys.

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein, Parish Minister

Kenneth Griffith II, Director of Music

David Collins, Keyboard

The UUCGL Choir

Michael Paquette, Worship Associate

Michael Martel, Usher

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. We are so glad that you're here today, whether you are a devoted member or a new visitor. We hope to be a spiritual community you will consider becoming part of.

Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the Parish Hall (to your right, as you exit the Sanctuary) after the service.

A reminder: Fair Trade food items will be available for purchase in the Parish Hall during Fellowship Hour.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visit **uucgl.org** for more information and additional announcements.

Tai Chi Class — Intermediate Level Tuesday, December 5 | 11am | Parish Hall

Holly Jolly Sunday Sunday, December 10 | 10am Attend the debut of our children's video pageant during worship, then all ages are invited to help bake cookies and make centerpieces for the Lynn Shelter Association's holiday party (please RSVP at uucgl.org, this will be catered!)

Church History Ministry Team Meeting Sunday, December 10 | 11:30am-12:30pm | Skylight Room

Sunday Evening Meditations Sunday, December 10 | 4-5 pm | Sanctuary Registration required; see uucgl.org

Wisdom Circle Tuesday, December 12 | 12–1:30pm | Hawthorne Hotel, Salem Luncheon at the Hawthorne Hotel. Please let Gloria Kozlosky or Ruth Griffin know if you will attend.

Saturday Craft Circle Saturday, December 13 | 10am-2pm | Skylight Room

Dialogue Group Wednesday, December 13 | 8-9pm | Zoom "Dialogue" is a way of practicing deep listening that enables us to share personal experiences and thoughts in a way that collectively builds a more expansive understanding of ourselves and the world around us. Join us!

Plant-Based Cooking Group (FOR ALL AGES) Thursday, December 14 | 5pm | UUCGL Kitchen

Holiday Party for Lynn Shelter Association SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, December 16 | 6pm | Knights of Columbus hall, KOC Hall, Lynn

"Drumagic" Community Drum Circle Sunday, December 17 | 1:30-3:30 pm | Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Service 5:30pm Sunday, December 24 | 5:30pm The Sunday service will be our traditional candle lighting Christmas Eve at 5:30pm. No morning service.

Tai Chi Class — Beginner Level (First Class) Tuesday, January 9 | 10am | Parish Hall All ages and abilities welcome. Sign up at www.uucgl.org/taichi