Unitarian Universalist Congregation of South County

Order of Service December 19, 2021

Chime

Opening Hymn *Dark of Winter* Hymn # 55

Opening Words *"Winter Solstice"* Rebecca Parker

Chalice Lighting ***"****As the Wild Wind Bites"* Ben Soule

Covenant *Love is the spirit of this congregation, and service is its prayer.*
This is our great covenant: To dwell together in peace,
To seek the truth in love, And to help one another.

Multi-gen play *"A Solstice Dance of Light and Dark"* inspired by a play by Johnnie and Bill Rodriguez in collaboration with Richard and Joanne Friday

Joys and Concerns

Poem excerpt from an Algonquin poem

Offertory *Clair de lune,* Claude Debussy

Sermon *Reflections on the Dance of Light and Darkness*
Lee Cowan and Johnette Rodriguez

Hymn *All Beautiful the March of Days* Hymn # 57

Closing Words "*Midwintersong*" Liam Robinson

Closing Poem excerpt by Hafiz

Extinguishing the Chalice *We extinguish this chalice, but not its light.*
That we take with us out into the world, sharing it with those we encounter on our journey.

Closing Song

Carry the flame of peace and love until we meet again (3 times).

We have no shared creed, but strive to live by these Eight Principles:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.
- We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote: journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions*

**8th principle adopted by the UUCSC on April 18, 2021.*
Under consideration for adoption by the UUA.