Unitarian Universalist Congregation of South County

Order of Service December 17, 2023

Children are invited to begin in the sanctuary today.

Sounding the Chime

Welcome and Announcements *Lee Cowan*

Opening Hymn *Ring Out, Wild Bells* Hymn # 58

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

Opening Words *The work of the mature person,*
Francis Ward Weller

Reciting the Covenant Together

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.

Body Prayer

May the solstice, slow us down, give us rest, and help us grow

Offering

Offertory *Sleigh Ride,* Leroy Anderson, arr. John Eidsvoog

Spiral of Light Part 1

Joys and Concerns part 1: Our Grief

Hymn *Chant for the Seasons* Hymn #73

Spiral of Light Part 2

Solstice Labyrinth Song by Cynthia Burke and Katherine Fotiades

As we walk this sacred labyrinth
May we walk with an open heart
Each step we take upon this path we tread
Leads us all back to ourselves

Winding in / Winding out
Breathing in / Breathing out
Journey in / Journey out
Look within / Look without

Joys and Concerns part 2: Our Praise

Closing Words "How the light comes," Jan Richardson

Hymn *Wake, Now, My Senses* Hymn # 298

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 (3x)

Newcomers, please fill out a yellow welcome card, which you can find in the back of the gray hymnal, and put it in with the offering or give it to one of the greeters.

Rev. Denis Letourneau Paul, Minister

Michael Galib, Music Director

Lee Cowan, Director of Religious Education

Sara Kaplow, Congregational Administrator, Susan Rogala, Congregational Bookkeeper

Rev. Denis's Schedule: Office hours Tuesdays & Thursdays 10-4
Upcoming Beverages & Banter: Thursday, December 21, 10:30 am at Sweet Althea's; Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1:30 pm at Panera Bread.
Next furlough week: January 16 to January 23.