Unitarian Universalist Congregation of South County

December 21, 2025

Sounding the Chime

Opening Hymn *Spirit of Life* Hymn # 123

Welcome and Announcements
Lee Cowan, Director of Faith Exploration

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

Opening Words *poem by Rosemary Wahtola Trommer*

Hymn *Chant of the Seasons* Hymn # 73

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.

All the Colors of the Dark
based on *The Snow Tree* by Caroline Repchuk

Song *Be the Light*, by Lea Morris, *inspired by Amanda Gorman's poem "The Hill We Climb"*

There is always a Light
When we are ready to see it
There is always a light
When we are ready to be it
To see the light
To be the light
To raise our eyes in the dark of night
To climb this hill
Together we will

Joys and Concerns

Hymn *This Is My Song* Hymn # 159

Offering *words from Leonard Cohen's "Anthem"*
call/response by Lisa G. Littlebird

Offertory Ami Pienknagura

Gratitude Mary Fulton, Board of Directors

Body Prayer

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

Closing Words quote from *See No Stranger* by Valarie Kaur

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 Circle

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

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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
Ami Pienknagura, Music Director
Lee Cowan, Director of Faith Exploration
Sara Kaplow, Congregational Administrator; Amenata L. Botus, Congregational Bookkeeper

Rev. Denis's Schedule: Office hours Tuesdays & Thursdays 10-4
Next Beverages & Banter: Tuesday, December 23, 1 pm at Panera Bread.
Next furlough week: December 24 to January 1.