Unitarian Universalist Congregation of South County

December 28, 2025

Sounding the Chime

Opening Hymn *Here We Have Gathered* Hymn # 360

Welcome and Announcements

First Readings on Endings

Exploring Endings, Frank Ostaseski
from *To Bless the Space Between Us,* John O'Donohue
Meeting Endings Frank Ostaseski

Chalice Lighting Reading # 451

Second Readings on Endings

Perhaps the World Ends Here, Joy Harjo
Why Endings? Henry Cloud

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.

Joys and Concerns

Hymn *Dark of Winter* Hymn # 55

Offering

Offertory *New Year's Day,* # 544 Responsive Reading

Readings on New Beginnings

A New Beginning, Helen Steiner Rice
The Comfort of Words, Elizabeth Spring
New beginnings, Gertrude B. McClain

Closing Hymn *O Life That Maketh All Things New* Hymn #12

Closing Words *Vigil,* by Phillis Levin Adria Evans

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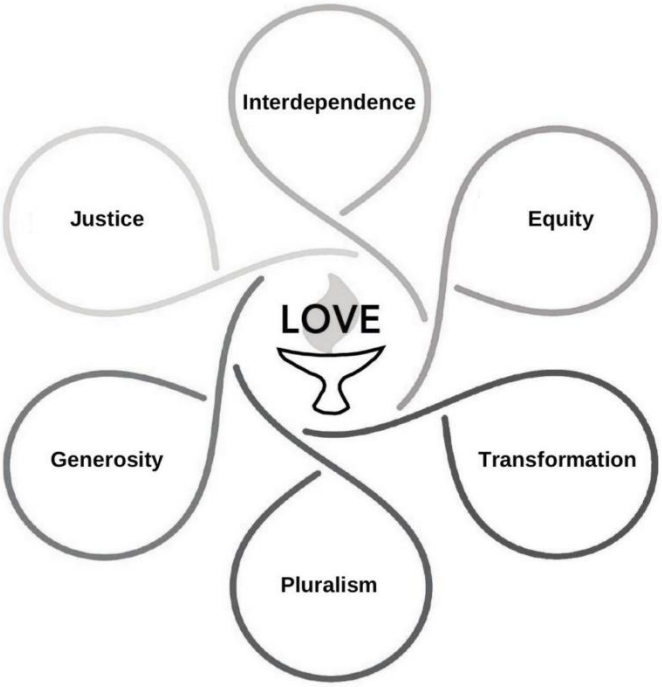
Newcomers, please fill out a yellow welcome card, which you can find in the back of the gray hymnal, and put it in with the offering or give it to one of the greeters.



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