

First Unitarian Universalist Society of Burlington, Vermont

Order of Service

December 22, 2024

Give light and people will find a way. People will find a way, I do believe. (Leonino & Artzner)

Embracing the Night, Welcoming the Light

Gathering Music

Chime

Call to Worship

“How the Light Comes” by Jan Richardson

Welcome

Hymn # 73

Chant of the Seasons (winter verse only)

**Calling the Directions
& Chalice Lighting**

**Story
Invitation & Hymn # 55**

Origin Story of Night: A Hindu Tale, Part I
Dark of Winter

**Story
Invitation & Hymn**

Origin Story of Night: A Hindu Tale, Part II
Honor the Dark (Morris)

**Story
Invitation & Round**

Two-Minute Explanation of Why We Have Winter Solstice
“Solstice Round” (Reardon)

Embodied Prayer & Invitation

(“Breathe In, Breathe Out” by Peter Mayer)

Invitation to Generosity Practice

Offerings this month will be shared with FUUSB’s Socially Responsible Santa program, which provides cash gifts to families and individuals in need. By giving money directly we hope to empower people to choose the holiday gifts they want to give and receive.

Singalong Offertory

Give Light

Offering Dedication

“With gratitude, we dedicate these gifts in the service of our mission to inspire spiritual growth, care for each other and our community, seek truth, and act for justice.”

Reading

“The Shortest Day” by Susan Cooper

Invitation & Song

Light is Returning (Murphy)

Reflection

Embracing the Night, Welcoming the Light

Song

Here Comes the Sun (Lennon/McCartney)

Releasing Directions

Chalice Extinguishing

“We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth, the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment. These we carry in our hearts and share with the world until we are together again.”

Apagamos esta llama, pero no la luz de la verdad, el calor de la comunidad ni el fuego del compromiso. Estos los llevamos en nuestros corazones y los compartimos con el mundo hasta que estemos juntos nuevamente.

Benediction

Singalong Postlude

#235 *Deck the Halls*

TODAY'S WORSHIP CREATORS

Senior Minister

Reverend Karen G. Johnston

Worship Associate

Geoff Duke

Director of Music

Liam Hart

Director of Lifespan Faith Development

Erika Reif

Program Assistant

Töve Johnson

A Host of Co-Creators

Erica, Missa, Leo, Mira,
FUUSB Pagan Circle

Tech Manager

Michael Wright

Tech Team

Adele deRosset

Facilities Manager

Devin Fallon

Caretakers

Phil Brentwood, Darrell Fields

Evergreen Wreath & Flowers

Sarah Forbes

Welcome Ambassadors

Betsey Thayer, Doug Watkin &
Kim Watkin

TODAY'S EVENTS

11:10 am - Coffee Hour - Community Room

~ Thank you to everyone who remembered and celebrated a loved one this year with a wreath and greens for our Sanctuary and Meetinghouse.~

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