

Rev. Dr. Mellen Kennedy- Speaker

Gathering Music – “White Christmas” Irving Berlin

Welcome and Announcements

Greet your Neighbors

Prelude – “A Rose Is Gently Blooming” Brahms

Lighting the Chalice

We gather this hour as do all people of faith---with joys and sorrows, gifts and needs. We light this beacon of hope, sign of our quest for truth and meaning, in celebration of the life we share together.

Opening Words – Rev. Dr. Mellen Kennedy

***Opening Hymn** – #108 My Life Flows On

***Affirmation of Fellowship:**

May we be reminded here of our highest aspirations, and inspired to bring our gifts of love and service to the altar of humanity.

May we know once again that we are not isolated beings but connected in mystery and in miracle, to the universe, to this community and to each other.

Candles of Joys and Concerns

Meditation/Prayer

Offertory Music – “Winter Spirits” Katherine Hoover

***Offertory Response (to “Old Hundredth”)**

From all that dwell below the skies

Let faith and hope and love arise

Let beauty, truth and good be sung

Through every land, by every tongue.

***Hymn** – #16 ‘Tis a Gift to Be Simple

Sermon- “Firming Up Our Foundations: Paving the Way to Positivity”

***Closing Hymn** – #368 Now Let Us Sing

Extinguishing the Chalice

Let this flame remain with us, a symbol of the holiness we seek, dispelling the gloom, lighting a path to faith and hope, its radiance calling us to wholeness, casting the light of freedom, justice and peace upon the world.

Postlude – “Let It Snow” Sammy Cahn

Closing Words – Rev. Dr. Mellen Kennedy

***Congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit**

Everyone is invited for refreshments and conversation immediately following the worship service.

UPCOMING SERVICES

December 15- Music Sunday

December 22- Traditional Holiday Service

December 29- Rev. Elaine Bomford

FUTURE EVENTS

December 11- Meditation at the Wells’

December 15- Christmas Party

KUUF PURPOSE

...to worship and create a welcoming and supporting community
...to support and care for one another,
...to explore, reflect and grow spiritually,
...to understand our differences,
...to feel safe to share our deeply held thoughts and values,
...to be intentionally inclusive towards bisexual, gay, lesbian
and transgender people,
...to support collective service to the larger community and to
celebrate
together our traditions and our lives with all their sorrows and
joys.

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Assisting Ministers: Guests

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## TRUSTEES

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**Andover, New Hampshire  
Sunday, December 8, 2024**