

Martha Woodward- Speaker

Gathering Music – “Wondrous Love” (#18 in the hymnbook)

Welcome and Announcements

Greet your Neighbors

Prelude – “Babe of Bethlehem”

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 – #653 Reflections on the Resurgence of Joy

***Opening Hymn** – #255 There’s a Star in the East

***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

Words for Reflection- “Old Christmas Eve” Ann Cobb

Meditation/Prayer

Offertory Music – “The Angel Band”

***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** – #232 The Hills Are Bare at Bethlehem

Sermon- The Christmas Song Book of Ruth Crawford Seeger

***Closing Hymn** – #239 Go Tell It on the Mountain

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 – “Old Christmas” a fiddle tune from Texas

Closing Words – #618 In This Night

***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 22- Traditional Holiday Service

December 29- Rev. Elaine Bomford

FUTURE EVENTS

Today- 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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**Andover, New Hampshire  
Sunday, December 15, 2024**