

Rev. Elaine Bomford- Speaker

Gathering Music – “Allegretto Pastorale” Franz Liszt

Welcome and Announcements

Greet your Neighbors

Prelude – “Aria” Handel

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 – “The Year” by Ella Wheeler Wilcox

***Opening Hymn** – #58 Ring Out, Wild Bells

***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- Emily Dickinson

Love is anterior to life,
Posterior to death,
Initial of creation, and
The exponent of breath

Readings

Hal Borland, “Sundial of the Seasons,” December 31st, 1952
“To the New Year” by W.S. Merwin

Meditation/Prayer

Offertory Music – “Aria with Variations” Handel

***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** – #326 Let All the Beauty We Have Known

Sermon- “Threshold of a New Year”

***Closing Hymn** – #350 The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time

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 – “Pifa” Handel

Closing Words – “Changes Abound” Michelle Collins

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

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

UPCOMING SERVICES

January 5- Fiona Petersen

January 12- Joanna Henderson

January 19- Betsy Woodman

January 26- Rev. Nancy Pelligrini

FUTURE EVENTS

January 29- Meditation at the Wells’

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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Sunday, December 29, 2024**