

**Rev. Mellen Kennedy- Speaker**

**Gathering Music** – "Gymnopédie No. 1" Eric Satie

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Greet your Neighbors**

**Prelude** – "Irish Air" Nicholson

**\*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** – Universalist, Edwin Markham

**\*Opening Hymn** – #318 We Would Be One

**\*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** – BraverAngels.org

**Meditation/Prayer**

**Offertory Music** – "Winter Spirits" Katherine Hoover

**\*Offertory Response (to "Old Hundred")**

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** – #131 Love Will Guide Us

**Sermon**– "Braver Angels: A national movement to bridge the partisan divide and strengthen our democratic republic"

**\*Closing Hymn** – America the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for heroes proved In liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country love And mercy more than life!  
America! America! May God thy gold refine  
Till all success be nobleness, And every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream That sees beyond the years,  
Thine alabaster cities gleam Undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea!

**\*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** – "Remembrance" Schumann

**Closing Words** – Rev. 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 3- Betsy Woodman**

**December 10- Martha Woodward**

**December 17- Traditional Holiday Service**

**December 24- KUUF Story Time**

**FUTURE EVENTS**

**December 13- Meditation at the Wells'**

**December 17- Holiday Gathering at Joanna Henderson's**

## 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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Music Director: Martha Woodward

## TRUSTEES

Jim Vashro (President)

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**Andover, New Hampshire  
Sunday, November 26, 2023**