

Betsy Woodman- Speaker

Gathering Music – "Allemande and Courante" Handel

Welcome and Announcements

Greet your Neighbors

Prelude – "Puer Nobis Nascitur" van Eyck

***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 – Charles Dickens, *A Christmas Carol*

***Opening Hymn** – #224 Let Christmas Come

***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 – Charles Dickens, *A Christmas Carol*

Meditation/Prayer

Offertory Music – "Sarabande, Minuet, and Gigue" 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** – #57 All Beautiful the March of Days

Sermon– "Scrooge Christmas"

***Closing Hymn** – #226 People Look East

***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 – "Pappageno Polka"

Closing Words – Charles Dickens, *A Christmas Carol*

***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 10- Martha Woodward

December 17- Traditional Holiday Service

December 24- KUUF Story Time

December 31- Fiona Petersen

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

Pastoral Care: Kathryn Vashro – (208) 440-1855

Music Director: Martha Woodward

## **TRUSTEES**

Jim Vashro (President)

Joanna Henderson

Nancy Stone (Secretary)

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**Andover, New Hampshire  
Sunday, December 3, 2023**