Jim Vashro- Speaker

Gathering Music – "I'm in the Mood for Love" McHugh/Shearing

Welcome and Announcements

Greet your Neighbors

Prelude – "Aileen Aroon" arr. 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 – Thoughts by Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

*Opening Hymn – #296 O Ye Who Taste that Love Is Sweet

*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 – Thoughts by Frederick Buechner

Meditation/Prayer

Offertory Music – "Body and Soul" arr. James

*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 – #10 Immortal Love

Sermon– "Forgiveness, recipe for happiness?"

*Closing Hymn – #6 Just As Long As I Have Breath

*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 – "I'll Get By" Turk/Ahlert

Closing Words – Thich Nhat Hanh on forgiveness

*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 14- Tom Maloof January 21- Barbara Meyers January 28- Art Rosen

FUTURE EVENTS

January 10- Meditation at the Wells'
January 14- Lunch at the Vashro's Farm

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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