

## Order of Worship – December 12, 2021

Preservice Music— time for calming and centering as you prepare for worship		Lorna Mae Ehlert
Ringing of the Opening Chime		Laurie Garland
Welcome and Announcements		Laurie Garland
Invitation to Worship:		Laurie Garland
Prelude		Lorna Mae Ehlert
Opening Words	“I wish” by Frank Schulman	The Rev. Ms. Denise Tracy
Opening Hymn: Gray Hymnal #226	“People, Look East”	Lorna Mae Ehlert
Unison Chalice Lighting		Laurie Garland
<i>We light this Chalice in honor of the questions the season raises. The why’s, the where’s, the huh, really? And in general, our wondering.</i>		
Covenant		Laurie Garland
<i>Love is the doctrine of this church. The quest of truth is its sacrament, and service is its prayer. To dwell together in peace, to seek knowledge in freedom, to serve humanity in fellowship, To the end that all souls shall grow in harmony with the Divine, Thus, do we covenant with each other and with God.</i>		
Time for the Young at Heart	“The Other Christmas Baby”	The Rev. Ms. Denise Tracy
Readings	“Christmas is Not Easy” by Don Vaughn	Bill Decker
Sermon	“The Many Stories of Christmas”	The Rev. Ms. Denise Tracy
Offering		Laurie Garland/Lorna Mae Ehlert
Sharing of Joys and Concerns		Laurie Garland
Meditation (spoken)	“Christmas is An Invitation” by Burdette Backus	The Rev. Ms Denise Tracy
(silent,sung)	Gray Hymnal #233 “Bring A Torch, Jeannette, Isabella”	Lorna Mae Ehlert
Closing Hymn Gray Hymnal #235	“Deck the Halls”	Lorna Mae Ehlert
Blessing/Holding the Light		The Rev. Ms. Denise Tracy
Chalice Extinguishing		Laurie Garland
<i>Carry the Flame of Peace and Love Until We Meet Again.</i>		
Postlude		Lorna Mae Ehlert

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Everyone is invited to our virtual [Coffee Hour](#) immediately following the service.  
Offering may be mailed to the church or paid online through our website using PayPal.