

## Order of Worship – December 19, 2021

Preservice Music— time for calming and centering as you prepare for worship

Ringing of the Opening Chime		Sandra Costa
Welcome and Announcements		Sandra Costa
Invitation to Worship:		Sandra Costa
Prelude		Bittersweet Christmas Band
Opening Words	“In the Heart of Winter” by Ashley Ravenwood	Bittersweet Christmas Band
Opening Hymn:	“Sing We Now with Hearts as One”	Bittersweet Christmas Band
Unison Chalice Lighting		Sandra Costa

*Yuletide celebrates the rebirth of the Sun,  
And the promise of returning warmth.  
But this is also a time when we give thanks  
for Winter’s enchantment  
And the icy spell of its dark beauty.*

Covenant		Sandra Costa
	<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>	

Advent Candle Lighting		Sandra Costa
Sharing of Joys and Concerns		Sandra Costa
Time for All Ages:	“Giddyup Said Santa Clause” by Dave Carter	Bittersweet Christmas Band
Offering		Sandra Costa
	“Winter Instrumental”	Bittersweet Christmas Band
Congregational Reading: Gray Hymnal #663	“One Small Face”	Bittersweet Christmas Band
Song	“Dance In the Dark of the Year”	Bittersweet Christmas Band
Homily		Bittersweet Christmas Band
Song/Story	“A Conversation With Santa Claus”	Bittersweet Christmas Band
Yuletide Season Return Of The Light Ritual		Bittersweet Christmas Band
Closing Hymn Gray Hymnal #235	“Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly”	Bittersweet Christmas Band
Closing Words	“4,000 Years of Christmas” by Earl W. Count	Bittersweet Christmas Band
Chalice Extinguishing		Sandra Costa
	<i>Carry the Flame of Peace and Love Until We Meet Again.</i>	
Postlude	“Despite It All” by Susan Urban	Bittersweet Christmas Band

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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.