

Order of Worship – December 24, 2023

Ringling of the Opening Chime	Sandy Griffin	Readings	The Rev. Ms. Denise Tracy
Welcome and Announcements	Sandy Griffin	Sermon	The Rev. Ms. Denise Tracy “How Pagans, Unitarians, & Universalists Contributed to Celebrating Christmas”
Invitation to Worship	Sandy Griffin		
Prelude	Lorna Mae Ehlert	Offetory	Lorna Mae Ehlert
Opening Words, Gray #614	The Rev. Ms. Denise Tracy	Joys & Sorrows	Sandy Griffin
“The Sacred Hoop” - Responsive Reading (please read the italicized words)		Spoken Meditation	Bill Decker
Opening Hymn, Gray #235	Lorna Mae Ehlert	**Closing Hymn, Gray #244	Lorna Mae Ehlert
“Deck the Halls”		“It Came Upon A Midnight Clear”	
**Unison Chalice Lighting	Sandy Griffin	Holding the Light/Closing Words	The Rev. Ms. Denise Tracy
This morning we light this Chalice for all the ways the peoples of the world celebrate the winter season. May this light brighten us and renew our faith.		**Chalice Extinguishing:	Sandy Griffin
		Carry the Flame of Peace and Love Until We Meet Again.	
Advent Candle Lighting	Sandy Griffin	Postlude	Lorna Mae Ehlert
**Covenant	Sandy Griffin		
Love is the Doctrine of this Church. Our beliefs are as individual as those who believe. To Learn, to Serve, and to Live in Peace, This is the Flame we Carry, This is our Covenant.			
Time for the Young at Heart	The Rev. Ms. Denise Tracy		
“The Other Christmas Baby”			
Hymn, Gray #240	Lorna Mae Ehlert		
“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”			

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