

## **Order of Service December 22, 2024**

### **Solstice Pageant**

Minister: Rev. Diana McLean

Children's Faith Development Director: Macey Forsyth

Pianist: Shay MacKay

### **Prelude/Opening Slideshow**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Singing Bowl**

### **Chalice Lighting**

If you are viewing through Zoom, please type into the Chat that a chalice is lit on [your street], and join in saying these words:

*We are a welcoming people of diverse beliefs who commit to nourish the spirit, broaden the mind, nurture the earth, and build community. May this flame we kindle remind us to strive, today and every day, to love beyond belief.*

### **Call to Worship**

"A Winter Blessing" by Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker

### **Singing: Jingle Bells**

Words and music: James Lord Pierpont

### **Joys and Sorrows**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

### **Silent Meditation**

**Singing Prayer:** To the tune of #1002

Words and music: Mimi Bornstein-Doble (adapted)

### **Offertory**

**Reading: "Winter Solstice" by Rev. Kimberlee Tomczak Carlson**

**Pageant: Solstice Badger (Part One)**

**Hymn #1063, Winter Solstice Chant**

Words and music: Philip Palmer

**Pageant: Solstice Badger (Part Two)**

**Hymn #73, Chant for the Seasons (Winter verse only)**

Words: Mark Belletini

Music: Czech folk song, arranged by Grace Lewis-McLaren

**Pageant: Solstice Badger (Part Three)**

**Hymn #118, This Little Light of Mine**

Words and music: African American spiritual

**Pageant: Solstice Badger (Part Four)**

**Hymn #235, Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly**

Words: Traditional Welsh

Music: Old Welsh carol

**Pageant: Solstice Badger (Part Five)**

**Closing Words: "The Shortest Day" by Susan Cooper**

**Chalice Extinguishing**

*We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth, the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment. These we carry in our hearts until we are together again. (Elizabeth Selle Jones)*

**Recessional Hymn #245, Joy to the World**

Words: Isaac Watts

Music: *Methodist Collection of Tunes*, 1833

**Zoom participants:** Please feel free to stay online for a time of gathering to meet, talk, and connect. (If the group online is large enough, we will invite you to join breakout rooms for small group connection.)

**In-person participants:** Please stay for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall on the lower level following the worship service.