

Order of Service
Solstice Celebration
December 21, 2025

Speaker: Susan Stevens Chambers

Worship Associate: Molly Reinemann

Story for All Ages: Director of Lifespan Faith Formation, Macey Forsyth

Pagan Participants: Deb Sullens, Mike Ferguson, Jennefer Timmerman-Brown

Choir Director: Joci Follmuth

Pianist: Jo Breckenridge

Sound Booth: Daniel Possin

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.

Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship: Calling the Directions (Deb Sullens, Mike Ferguson, Jennefer Timmerman-Brown, Molly Reinemann, Sue Chambers)

Opening Hymn: # 50 ~ When Darkness Nears (Gray Hymnal)

Words: Philip A. Porter Music: David Hurd

Story: Director of Lifespan Faith Formation, Macey Forsyth

The Shortest Day, Author, Susan Cooper and Illustrated by, Carson Ellis

Singing the Children Out

Joys and Sorrows

Pastoral Prayer

Singing Prayer: To the tune of #1002

Words and music by Mimi Bornstein-Doble, adapted

Offertory **Darkness, Cover Me** (YouTube) <https://sarathomsen.com/track/2557503/darkness-cover-me>

Choir Anthems, led by Choir Director Joci Follmuth

A medley of three songs

Though My Soul: Words: Sarah Williams Music: F.J. Haydn

Wings: Words and music: Suzanne Sterling

This Little Light of Mine: Arranged by Karen Escovitz (Otter) Traditional

Sermon: Susan Stevens Chambers

OPENING THE CIRCLE (Deb Sullens, Mike Ferguson, Jennefer Timmerman-Brown, Molly Reinmann, Sue Chambers)

Closing Hymn: #226 "People Look East" (Gray Hymnal)

Words: Elenaor Farjeon Music: Traditional French carol

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.*

Benediction

Singing Benediction: "May the Longtime Sun" (*sing through twice*)

*May the Longtime Sun Shine Upon You
All love surround you
And the pure, pure light that's within you
Guide your way home*

Postlude