

Order of Service: December 20, 2024
Winter Solstice: Embracing Darkness & Calling in the Light

Gathering Bell

Welcome Mandy-Lee Garofalo, Worship Associate

Centering

Prelude *Welcum Yule* Courtney Parker, Hillary Parker
Words by Norman Iles, Music by Tim Hall and the Free-Range Choir
Cynthia Fleming, oboe, Scott Hensil, violin, Samuel Cao, cello
Margaret Lea, piano

Call to Worship *Celebrating the Darkness* by Jo VonRue Rev. Kevin W. Jagoe

Chalice Lighting By Ben Soule

Carol *Here We Come A-Wassailing* Courtney Parker, Hillary Parker
Traditional English and Congregation

Reading *In Celebration of the Winter Solstice*
By Stephanie Noble

Response *The Solstice Carol* Courtney Parker, Hillary Parker
By Kim Baryluk and the Free-Range Choir

Homily *Embracing Darkness* Rev. Kevin W. Jagoe

Offering *Our Offering Recipient is BuxMont's Minister's Discretionary Fund.*

Offertory *The Gower Wassail* Ensemble
Traditional Welsh

Meditative Prayer *The Solstice Teaches Us* by David Breeden

Anthem *Stopping By the Woods* The Free-Range Choir
By Victor C. Johnson, words by Robert Frost

Embracing Darkness

Chalice Re-Lighting *A Blessing of Darkness and Light*
By Amy Zucker Morgenstern

Calling in the Light *Oh, Light* Courtney Parker, Hillary Parker
By Stevie Greenwell and the Free-Range Choir
Jay Klaes, guitar

Reading *Blessed Are You Who Bear the Light*
By Jan Richardson

Response *Sing and Rejoice* The Free-Range Choir
Traditional

Homily

Calling in the Light

Rev. Kevin W. Jagoe

Carol

Greensleeves
Traditional English
(popularly attributed to King Henry VIII)

Courtney Parker, Hillary Parker
and Congregation

Chalice Extinguishing

By Jennifer Gracen

Carol

Deck the Halls
Traditional Welsh

Courtney Parker, Hillary Parker
and Congregation

Benediction

By Susan Cooper

Postlude

Deck the Halls (reprise)
Traditional Welsh

After our postlude, join us for refreshments in the Social Hall.

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- Live, teach, and promote Unitarian Universalism and our liberal religious values.
- Respect and care for one another, supporting the spiritual growth of each individual and providing a safe, tolerant, and welcoming spiritual haven.
- Provide a religious education for children, youth, and adults that will enrich our lives and the spiritual life of the broader community.
- Match our actions to our values inside and outside our fellowship, becoming a fulcrum for environmental, spiritual, and social change in the community.

If you are interested in joining our congregation as a Member, find out more about that process on our website - www.buxmontuu.org/about-buxmont/becoming-a-member/

As **Unitarian Universalists**, we covenant, congregation - to - congregation and through our Association, to support and assist one another in our ministries. We draw from our heritages of freedom, reason, hope, and courage, building on the foundation of love.

Love is the power that holds us together and is at the center of our shared values. *We are accountable to one another for doing the work of living our shared values through the spiritual discipline of Love.* Inseparable from one another, these shared values are: **Interdependence, Equity, Transformation, Pluralism, Generosity, and Justice.**

