

Unitarian Universalist Church Of Silver Spring
Online Worship Order of Service



Sunday, December 5, 2021

“Kindling the Lights”

Led by Dr. Laura Solomon, Director of Spiritual Growth

Bruce McConachie, Worship Associate

The Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt, *Minister*

Dr. Laura Solomon, *Director of Spiritual Growth*

Michael Holmes, *Music Director*

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Lindsay Cowett, *Religious Education Coordinator*

Prelude:

Hope / Ysaye Barnwell / Sanctuary Singers, Nancy Dougherty, solo / 11/16/2014

Feelin' Good / Leslie Bricusse & Anthony Newley / Call of the Dream, Deborah Thornton, solo / 8/6/2017

Rhymes and Reasons / John Denver / Bob Hirshon / 6/9/2013

How Far I'll Go from "Moana" / Lin-Manuel Miranda / Annabelle Leete / 1/6/2019

I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For / U2 / Choir members of UUCSS, UUC Sterling, and Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Bob Hirshon, lead vocal / 6/8/2019 (Ashley's Ordination)

Come Sing a Song With Me / Carolyn McDade / UUCSS Children's Choir / 3/4/2018

Night Lake / Wendy Lanxner / Sanctuary Singers, Wendy Lanxner & David Uffelman, solo / 3/1/2015

Bird of Sorrow / Glen Hansard / UUCSS Folk Ensemble, David Uffelman, solo, Steve Wilmarth, guitar / 1/8/2017

Gathering Song:

S'vivon / Traditional Hebrew Tune / Performed by the UUCSS Klezmer Ensemble with guest violinist Susan Jones

Welcome (Bruce McConachie, Worship Associate)

Chalice Lighting (Bruce McConachie, Worship Associate)

May this light warm our hearts with love and caring and guide us in the ways of truth.

Congregational Commitment (Bruce McConachie, Worship Associate)

(Excerpt: Preamble of UUCSS Congregational Constitution)

As we gather here for worship,

We pledge ourselves to the endless search for truth;

To the right of each to believe as mind, heart, and conscience dictate;

To accept the responsibility this freedom commands;

And to implement our belief in the essential worth and dignity of every human being.

Song of Exultation

Since what we choose is what we are,

And what we love we yet shall be,

The goal may ever shine afar,

The will to reach it makes us free.

Lighting the Advent Wreath (Dr. Laura Solomon, Director of Spiritual Growth)

Words by Rev. Lyn Cox, adapted

Invocation (Dr. Laura Solomon, Director of Spiritual Growth)

Hymn

Hymn #222 “Mi Yi Malel” (from Singing the Living Tradition) / Performed by the UUCSS Klezmer Ensemble

Lighting the Menorah (Dr. Laura Solomon, Director of Spiritual Growth)

Time for All Ages (Dr. Laura Solomon, Director of Spiritual Growth)

Communion of Joys and Sorrows (Dr. Laura Solomon, Director of Spiritual Growth)

----- After the Communion of Joys and Sorrows, we invite congregants to shift their focus from commenting in the chat to focusing on the content of the service. -----

Centering (Dr. Laura Solomon, Director of Spiritual Growth)

Prayer (Dr. Laura Solomon, Director of Spiritual Growth)

Written by Elizabeth Walgren

Music

Ose Shalom / Traditional Hebrew Tune / Performed by the UUCSS Klezmer Ensemble

Reading (Bruce McConachie, Worship Associate)

“Chanukah” / by Rev. Lynn Ungar

Sermon “Kindling the Lights” (Dr. Laura Solomon, Director of Spiritual Growth)

Offering Invitation (Bruce McConachie, Worship Associate)

Offertory

L'Dor Vador / Words and Music by Josh Nelson / Performed by Jim Paoletti, soloist / with Susan Jones (violin) & Phyllis Stanley (piano)

Blessing the Offering (Dr. Laura Solomon, Director of Spiritual Growth)

May the gifts we have given fuel the flame of our commitment,
empower us to serve out our mission,
and give the life we share the shape of truth, love, and justice.

Announcements (Robin Moore Lasky, UUCSS Board Member)

Closing Hymn

Hymn #221 "Light One Candle" (From Singing the Living Tradition) / Performed and led by Nancy Dougherty

Chalice Extinguishing (Bruce McConachie, Worship Associate)

Carry the flame of peace and love until we meet again.

Benediction (Dr. Laura Solomon, Director of Spiritual Growth)

Postlude

Dreydl-Oh Hannukah medley / Traditional Jewish songs / Performed by the UUCSS Klezmer Ensemble

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