



Order of Service for December 10, 2023

Holiday Blues

Rev. Meg Roberts

♪ Prelude

Ming-Xuan Chung

Welcome to Beacon

Rev. Meg Roberts

♪ Choir Song - *December's Keep*

Words: Greg Gilpin, Music: Frederic Chopin

Faith Veikle, Ming-Xuan Chung

Chalice Lighting - by Lindsay Bates

Teresa Morton

Advent Wreath Candle-lighting

Rev. Meg Roberts

Reflection - *Holiday Blues*

Rev. Meg Roberts

♪ Congregational Song - #241, *In the Bleak Midwinter*

Words: Christina Georgina Rossetti, New Words: John Andrew Storey, Music: Gustav Theodore Holst

Faith Veikle, Ming-Xuan Chung

Reading - *Blue Christmas: This Too Belongs* by Kari Kopnick

Rev. Katie Stein Sather

Poem - *Downpour* by Billy Collins

Deepak Sahasrabudhe

Responsive Reading - *Litany of Comfort for Blue Christmas* adapted from words by Rev. Debra Faulk

Rev. Meg Roberts and Laura Redmond

♪ Choir Song - *Give Light*

Words & Music: Greg Artzner and Terry Leonino

Faith Veikle, Ming-Xuan Chung

Sharing of Light, Joys and Sorrows

Rev. Meg Roberts

Unison Reading - *The Mood of Christmas* by Howard Thurman

♪ Congregational Song - #55, *Dark of Winter*

Words & Music: Shelley Jackson Denham

Faith Veikle, Ming-Xuan Chung

Sharing the Plate

Carol Woodworth

Special Holiday Collection: Access Youth Outreach Bus

♪ Sung Response - *For All That Is Our Life*

Ming-Xuan Chung

Our Thanks

Rev. Meg Roberts

♪ *Carry the Flame*

Faith Veikle, Ming-Xuan Chung

After the service, we are pleased to offer Coffee Hour.

For Zoom: We hope you can stay to join us in small group conversation. The first round is a brief check-in and then a second round allows you to choose to be in general conversation in the main room, or a special breakout room on the topic of the service (see below). Stay on the Sunday service Zoom link for this.

For In-Person: We will be meeting downstairs for coffee and snacks, with safety protocols in place. Please bring your own mug.

Special event: Beacon will hold the budget meeting to approve the budget for the first half of 2024. The budget meeting will follow the service and will be both in-person and online (same Zoom link as the service).

Next Service: Sunday December 17, 10:30 am
Unitarianism, Spirituality and the Holiday Season
Guest Speaker: Lay Chaplain Janet Pivnick

Many Unitarians have an uncomfortable relationship with the idea of spirituality. But what is spirituality and how does it show up in our lives? As many faiths are preparing to celebrate significant holy days, we'll consider the place that spirituality holds in Unitarian celebrations.

Supporting Today's Service

Service Leader	Rev. Meg Roberts
Song Leader	Faith Veikle
Musician	Ming-Xuan Chung
Readers	Teresa Morton, Rev. Katie Stein Sather, Deepak Sahasrabudhe, Laura Redmond
Joys and Sorrows	Rev. Meg Roberts
Greeters (In Person)	Carol Woodworth
Newcomer Host (In Person)	Carol Woodworth
Counters/Collectors	Jane Day, Hank Einarson
Coffee Set-up	Joyce Gudaitis
Family Art Table	Family Ministry Team
Audio Visual Technician	Tyler Ewasiuk
Zoom Greeter/Service Assistant	Sue Sparlin
Zoom Recording Editor	Tyler Ewasiuk
Order of Service	Rachael Greenland
Set up/Clean up	All of us who can

Our Shared Ministry

Minister	Rev. Meg Roberts
Lay Chaplain	Janet Pivnick
Choir Director	Faith Veikle
Family Ministry	Bette Goode
Administration Support	Rachael Greenland
Shared Ministry Coordinator	Sue Sparlin

Note from the Treasurer

Beacon gratefully accepts donations via Interac e-transfer to the email below.

In the message box, note where you want the funds applied to:

- Beacon (note if pledge or general donation)
- Sharing the Plate (half will go to Beacon, half to the Sharing the Plate recipient: [Purpose Independent Secondary School Lunch Program](#)).

If you wish to set up a pre-authorised deposit or need help with e-transfer please email me at treasurer@beaconunitarian.org

Please mail any cheques to:

Beacon Unitarian Church

Box 414 – 552 Clarke Road

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Thank you for your continued support - Carol Woodworth

Stay Connected! If you are not getting the mid-week email called Beacon This Week that informs you of all groups, programs and their Zoom links hosted by Beacon or connected to the Metro Vancouver congregations, please ask one of the Greeters to sign you up, or email adminsupport@beaconunitarian.org

Beacon Unitarian Website www.beaconunitarian.org

Pastoral Support Team Email pastoralcare@beaconunitarian.org

[Lunch Bunch](#) meets online every Tuesday at noon.

[Beacon Choir](#) rehearses in-person Thursdays at 7:30 pm & typically performs 2 Sundays a month

[Film Club](#) meets online the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month at 7pm

[Book Club](#) meets online the 2nd Fridays of the month at 7 pm

[Humanist Group](#) meets online the last Sunday of the month at 7:30 pm