



Beacon Unitarian Church
Order of Service for December 22, 2024
Belonging—A Solstice Service

♪ Pre-Service Sing-along: <i>In the Bleak Midwinter, Turning of the World, Deck the Halls, Hallelujah</i> (Southpointe Academy version)	Kate Smith and Bill Marshall
Welcome to Beacon	Deepak Sahasrabudhe
♪ Sung Chalice Lighting: <i>Rise Up O Flame</i>	Ming-Xuan Chung
Advent Candle Lighting Reading <i>by Rev. Erica Hewitt and Rev. Meg Roberts</i>	Peg Hinkley
♪ Congregational Song: <i>Lean In Toward The Light</i> (with clapping!) <i>by Carrie Newcomer</i>	Kate Smith and Bill Marshall
Meditation: <i>Lectio Divina</i>	Laura Redmond
♪ <i>I'm Not Alone</i> <i>by Anat Hochberg and Aly Halpert</i>	Lori Holtorf, Laura Redmond, Charlotte Moon and Ming-Xuan Chung
Small Group Sharing / Joys and Sorrows	Laura Redmond
♪ Congregational Song: <i>Tiny Lights</i> <i>by Coco Love Alcorn</i>	Kate Smith and Bill Marshall
Sharing the Plate	Glenn Wootton
♪ Sung Response: <i>For All That Is Our Life</i>	Ming-Xuan Chung
Announcements and our Thanks	Rose Matovich
♪ Congregational Dance and Song: <i>Give Light & People Will Find a Way</i> <i>by Greg Artner & Terry Leonino based on words inspired by civil rights activist Ella Baker</i>	Laura Redmond Kate Smith and Bill Marshall
Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice	Laura Redmond
♪ <i>Carry the Flame</i>	Ming-Xuan Chung
♪ Postlude	Ming-Xuan Chung

After the service: We invite you to join us for Christmas dinner, fellowship and conversation downstairs.

Suggested donation is \$5 or pay what you can. Newcomers are invited to be our guests.

Zoom users: Please stay and join us for small group conversation—just stay online after the service ends.

Next Services:

Tuesday, December 24, 4:30 pm: *Christmas Eve Service hosted by Judy Villett and Michael Scales*

A special Christmas Eve service with holiday readings and songs.

Sunday, December 31, 10:30 am: “Freedom From and Freedom To”

Marilyn Medén, with music by Kate Smith and Bill Marshall

With calm and freedom from stress, you are able to create a more relaxed and happier life for yourself and others. From her own experience, Marilyn Medén will reference many sources, including Mr. Rogers and Don Miguel Ruiz’s *The Four Agreements*, that have allowed more freedom for herself, others, and maybe even the world.

Supporting Today’s Service

Service Leader	Lay Chaplain Laura Redmond
Musicians	Kate Smith, Bill Marshall, Lori Holtorf, Ming-Xuan Chung
In-Person Greeters	Lauren Casalis, Jane Day
Newcomer Hosts	Marilyn Meden, John Hagen
Counters/Collectors	Dan Theal, Rob Warner
Sapperton Coffee Host	Beth Connelley
Audio Visual Technician	Tyler Ewasiuk
Camera	Deepak Sahasrabudhe
Zoom Greeter/Service Assistant	Sue Sparlin
Order of Service	Rachael Greenland
Set up/Clean up	All of us who can
Christmas Dinner Coordinator	Peggy Lunderville

Our Shared Ministry

Worship Services	David Kristjanson, Glenn Wootton and Rev. Meg Roberts
Lay Chaplains	Janet Pivnick, Laura Redmond
Pianist/ Accompanist	Ming-Xuan Chung
Family Ministry	Bette Goode
Administration Support	Rachael Greenland
Shared Ministry Coordinator	Sue Sparlin

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Stay Connected! We send out a weekly email called Beacon This Week that informs you of all upcoming Beacon activities. Please ask one of the Greeters to sign you up, or [email Rachael \(adminsupport@beaconunitarian.org\)](mailto:adminsupport@beaconunitarian.org)

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

[Film Club](#) meets online the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month at 7 pm (Dec. 20th meeting)

[Book Club](#) meets online the 2nd Fridays of the month at 7 pm (no meeting in December)

[Humanist Group](#) meets online the last Sunday of the month at 7:30 pm (no meeting in December)

For support when life is challenging, contact our pastoral support team: pastoralcare@beaconunitarian.org

For other Beacon programming visit our website www.beaconunitarian.org