

14 December 2025 – Order of Worship

“Worship” comes from the Old English word weordhscepe, meaning “worthiness.” In worship we lift up that which is worthy of our reflection.

GATHERING MUSIC Dale Churchill, Dir. of Music

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Bill Burge, Worship Associate

SINGING BOWL

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Tara Humphries

LIGHTING THE CHALICE & COMMUNITY CANDLE Rev. DC Fortune

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH HOPE | PEACE | JOY
The Reddy Poniatowski Family

*OPENING HYMN Hope is a Candle Richard Leach, adapted (screen only)

TIME FOR ALL AGES The Hanukkah Story

LAMPLIGHTING & RECESSIONAL Emily C. Jones, DRE
Carry the flame of peace and love until we meet again!

JOYS & SORROWS

PRAYER Sarah A. Speed, adapted

SUNG MEDITATION Text Rebecca Ann Parker Music Beth Norton

*There is a Love holding us. There is a Love holding all that we love.
There is a Love holding all. We rest in this Love.*

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY Ocho Kendelikas Flora Jagody

READING Stranger on a Bus Rabbi Lawrence Kushner

ANTHEM Candleglow Dan Schwartz

SERMON "Even in Our Fear, We are Called Forward" Rev. Tara

*CLOSING HYMN #221 Light One Candle

BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

*Our worship has ended... **and our service begins!***

We invite you to remain seated for a moment of silence followed by the Postlude, as we center ourselves before going back out into the world.

POSTLUDE Allemande J.S. Bach

*Please rise in body and/or in spirit

December's **SHARE THE PLATE** recipient is the **A2U2 Minister's Discretionary Fund**, which provides confidential emergency financial assistance to church members and friends. Reach out to Rev. Tara directly to learn more and to access the fund.

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NEXT SUNDAY

21 December - All-Ages Winter Solstice Service & Ritual
w/ Rev. Tara Humphries, Emily C. Jones, and the A2U2 Pagan Group

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

Coffee Hour (Foyer/Sanctuary) & **Brown Bag Brunch** (Board Room)

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through the power of love."*

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"Even in Our Fear, We are Called Forward"
Third Sunday in Advent, First Night of Hanukkah

Reverend Tara Humphries

Sunday 14 December 2025 at 10am