

Order of Service Sunday, December 15, 2024
Of UUs, Grinches, and Holiday Gatherings!

GATHERING

Morning Sing

THEO, GARY, CECILIA

Gathered Here. Words and Music by Phillip A Porter

Deck the Halls! Words and Music Trad. Welsh

Oh Let Us Gather RevAmy Carol Webb

Ringling of the Chimes

Prelude -- "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

CECILIA

Words: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow; Music: Jean Baptiste Crekin

Welcome

KAREN

Call to Worship "This Ghostly Little Tale" by Charles Dickens

REVAMY

Theme Hymn "Draw the Circle Wide" Words: Gordon Light Music: Mark A. Miller

Chalice Lighting —

KAREN

*We light this flame this day
Prayerful that the gifts we bring
to this one moment of all time
may be instruments of healing
for ourselves, for one another
and for our world. (Webb)*

CONNECTING

Covenant

KAREN

In the light of love, let us renew our covenant as we say together:

English: *Love is the spirit of this congregation and service is its law.*

This is our great covenant:

to dwell together in peace,

to seek the truth in love,

and to help one another.

Spanish: *El Amor es el espíritu de esta congregación
y el servicio su ley principal.*

Esta es nuestra gran promesa:

*vivir juntos en paz, buscar la verdad a través del amor,
y ayudarnos mutuamente.*

DEEPENING

Deepening Music – “Do You Hear What I Hear” by Noel Regney	CECILIA
Candles of Community	KAREN
Stones of Reflection	
Pastoral Response	REVAMY
Sung Response (Music #371, text #381)	REVAMY
Wisdom Story “The Christmas Tree Story”	KAREN
Youth Sings! “Jingle Bells” by James Pierpont	
Heritage and Hope (Rev. Edmund Hamilton Sears, Greta Gerwig)	REVAMY
Offering / Offertory #402, From You I Receive	CECILIA
Message –“How the Grinch Stole the Holiday Gathering!”	Faith Development
SENDING	
Closing Music – “Welcome Christmas” by Dr. Seuss	RoG CHOIR
Closing Words	REVAMY
Extinguishing Chalice	REVAMY
Announcements for the Life of the Community	KAREN
Invite to Zoom and Live Hospitality	
Sending/Shine on	REVAMY
Music Reprise	CECILIA