

Unitarian Universalist Church West – Order of Service – December 31, 2023

“Love Meets a New Year”

The UUCW Writing Circle with Worship Leader Deb Stevens

Writing Contributors: Mary Houseman, Carolyn Ruck, Helen Ambuel, Susan Foley, Darthe Merrill Jennings, Pat McFarland, Kate Walkowski, and Kathy White

1. **Prelude** – “Walking in the Air” by Howard Blake; performed by Jenny Horvath
2. **Welcome** – Kathy White, Board of Trustees Representative
3. **Call to Worship** – “Welcome to this Place” by Cathy Rion Starr - Deb Stevens
4. **Chalice Lighting** – “Igniting This Precious Light” by Vanessa Titang – Deb Stevens and Kathy White

(Please read along, and if you are joining us at home, feel free to kindle your chalice or candle.)

In igniting this chalice,
we cast upon it our hopes and intentions
for all that is positive
in our minds, and in our hearts.
May this precious light shine on.

5. **Congregational Sing** - Hymn #58 – “Ring Out, Wild Bells” – led by Maria O'Connor
6. **Joys and Concerns** – Deb Stevens
7. **Inspirational Thought** - by James Baldwin - Deb Stevens
8. **Writing Circle Introduction** - Helen Ambuel
 - “The Intention to Liberate Love” written and read by Mary Houseman
 - “Liberating Love” written by Carolyn Ruck; read by Kathy White
 - “Love Evolved” written and read by Helen Ambuel
 - “Liberating Love” written and read by Susan Foley
9. **Congregational Sing** - Hymn #350 “The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time” - led by Maria O'Connor
10. **Inspirational Thought** - by Marc Ian Barasch – Deb Stevens
 - “This Love’s on Me by GEORGE” written and read by Darthe Merrill Jennings
 - “Do what you love with people you love in places you love by” written and read by Pat McFarland
 - “The Glass Darklies: Gentle Work” written by Kate Walkowski - read by Susan Foley
 - “Love” written and read by Kathy White

11. **Musical Reflection** – “Duo Sentimental” by Joaquin Turina; performed by Jenny Horvath

- 12. Offering Words** – Deb Stevens
- 13. Offertory Music** – “Second Gnossienne” by Erik Satie; performed by Jenny Horvath
- 14. Congregational Sing** - “Auld Lang Syne”
- Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And never brought to mind,
Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And days of auld lang syne?
For auld lang syne, my dear, for auld lang syne,
We’ll take a cup of kindness, yet,
For auld lang syne.
- 15. Benediction** – reading by Rev. Anne Mason - Deb Stevens
- 16. Postlude** – “Waltz in C Major” by Amy Beach – performed by Jenny Horvath

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December is
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