

Order of Service for December 17, 2017

11:00 AM

"To maintain a worshipful atmosphere, please refrain from applause during the service."

Welcome and Announcements:		Monica Singh-Smith
Opening Words:		Cory Ness
Prelude:		Elaine Wright
Chalice Lighting:		Cory Ness
	In the light of truth and the warmth of love We gather to seek, to sustain, to share.	
Covenant:	Love is the spirit of this church. The quest for truth is its sacrament. To dwell together in peace, To seek the truth in freedom and to help our neighbor, To these ends, we covenant one with another.	Cory Ness
Hymn #244:	<i>It Came upon the Midnight Clear</i>	Elaine Wright
Act 1:	December Spirits	
Sharing of Joys and Concerns (spoken):		Cory Ness
Moment of Silence:		Cory Ness
Spirit of Life #123 and Unspoken Joys and Concerns:		Elaine Wright
Act 2:	December Spirits	
Anthem:	<i>Faith, Hope, Love</i> (to the tune of <i>Turn, Turn, Turn</i> - see insert)	
Act 2 continued:	December Spirits	
Offertory:		Elaine Wright
Act 3:	December Spirits	
Hymn #1033:	<i>Bwana Awabariki</i> (Teal Hymnal)	Laura Anderle
Act 3 continued:	December Spirits	
Hymn #1010:	<i>We Give Thanks</i> (Teal Hymnal)	Elaine Wright
Extinguishing the Chalice:		Cory Ness
	We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth, The warmth of our community, or the fire of commitment. These we carry in our hearts until we meet again.	
Benediction:		Cory Ness

We thank our volunteer "Spirits" today: *Sophia Deem, Dan Gallagher, Ryan Gallagher, Lisa Row, Sage Welpott and Seneca Welpott* and our guest musician: *Laura Anderle*

NOTE: There will be only one service on Sunday, December 24 – a Christmas Eve service at 7:00 pm. There will not be a Sunday morning service on December 24.

{Please silence your cell phone, and enter and exit the sanctuary quietly using the side doors.}

Please thank those who made this service possible.

Service	Dec. 17	Dec. 24
Greeters	Nick Crettier	Tracey Ramsey & Michael Ramsey
Worship Associate	Cory Ness	--
Ushers	Liz England & Henry Ticknor	Alice Irvan & Bill McShea
DRE Assistant	Kathy Crettier	--
Flowers	--	--
Welcome	Monica Singh-Smith	--
Message for All Ages	Cory Ness	--
Coffee	Keelers & Lathams	Brenda Hayes & Owen Lowe
Audio	Robert Hurt	Willy Hayes
Choir Director & Music Associate	Kathleen Youngblood	Pamela Keim & Kathleen Youngblood
OOS folded by:	Jack Hurt	Jack Hurt
ROMEO Refuse Removers	Wayne Keeler, Bruce White & John Latham	Bruce Bryant, Ed Jaffee, & Owen Lowe

Hearing assistance devices are available at the back of the sanctuary. People using these can only hear those using microphones.

Children's RE classes begin when we sing the children out of service.

Information on our programming for all ages is available in the Narthex at the Religious Education table.

Please note: Please refrain from bringing peanuts into the RE Wing and Library due to children with allergies.

Our Principles

The Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations affirms and promotes:

1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
2. Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Our Mission

The mission of the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Shenandoah Valley, Inc. is to build a community based on and committed to self-development, compassion, open communication, and action.

Our Community is defined by how we interact with each other, both within the Congregation and with the larger society.

Self-development is enabled by meeting the spiritual, intellectual, and social awareness needs of the congregation.

We practice compassion by placing ourselves in the position of both other members of the congregation and of the larger society.

We practice open communication by speaking openly and with respect, civility, and compassion.

Action means we play active roles both within the congregation and wider community in fulfilling our self-development and compassion values.

Our Promises

With this UUCSV covenant as our source and with goodwill and honest effort, we promise to:

- Welcome all who come to us, keeping in mind the differences among us and remembering that building community requires learning and practice;
- Listen carefully and choose our actions mindfully;
- Act with loving kindness, compassion and patience, reflecting carefully on the effects of our words;
- Speak out when we witness disrespectful interactions;
- Respect one another by speaking directly to those with whom we disagree, asking for help when needed;
- Ask ourselves if we are promoting our Unitarian Universalist principles.

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Pianist: Elaine Wright Choir Director: Pam Keim Director of Religious Education: Cory Ness

Bookkeeper: Pam Olinger Administrative Assistant: Sheryl Wilhide

Unitarian Universalist Church of the Shenandoah Valley

A Welcoming Congregation

“December Spirits”

December 17, 2017

Cory Ness, Director of Religious Education



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Welcome to all who gather here today! We especially welcome our visitors. You may receive our weekly announcements and monthly newsletter by e-mail by completing the yellow Welcome Card on the visitor's table.

