

**Order of Worship**  
**December 6th, 2015**  
**Cynthia Prescott – Interim Minister**  
**Brian Kohn - Worship Associate**  
**Huu Mai - Music Director**

**Words to Enrich the Spirit**

Hope is patience with the lamp lit.

Tertullian

**Prelude**

**Gathering Hymn #346** “Come, Sing a Song With Me”

**Welcome**

**Hand of Friendship**

**Chalice Lighting** (in unison)

In the spirit of hope for a world at peace,  
And in the spirit of hope for a community of love and justice,  
We light a flame of intention, both in the chalice and also in our own hearts.

**Opening Words**

**Hymn #225** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

**Joys and Sorrows**

**Meditation and Silence:** Lynn Ungar, “*Blessing the Candles*”

**Worship Associate’s Reflection**

**Anthem**

“Ave Maria” Franz Schubert  
Marielle Mai, coloratura-soprano, Huu Mai, piano

**Sermon**

“Maybe: An Advent Reflection” Rev. Cynthia Prescott

**Offertory**

“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”  
Huu Mai, piano

*Oh we give thanks, for this precious day, for all gathered here,  
and those far away, for the times we share,  
with love and care, oh we give thanks, for this precious day.*

**Announcements**

**Closing Hymn #226** “People Look East”

**Closing Words:** John A. Taylor

**Extinguish the Chalice** (in unison)

We extinguish this flame,  
But not our hope for a better tomorrow,  
Nor our intention to help make it happen.

**Postlude**

***Go In Peace***

### MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH (MCY)

**Welcome!** We are so glad that you are here with us this morning. For information about Religious Exploration with children & youth, or Childcare for infants & toddlers, please see one of our volunteer RE Associates at the MCY Table in Fellowship Hall, or contact UUMAN's Director of Ministry with Children & Youth, Toniann Read.

#### Today

**Winter Holiday Party!** - Join us after service for the Winter Holiday Party. Play the dreidel game, get your picture taken with our Special Visitor and make a gingerbread house!

Hungry? Looking for tasty gifts? Browse the beautiful products, and pick up some sweet treats at the **Winter Bake Sale**.

#### Upcoming Events

**Dec 12 – Parents Night Out**

**Dec 13 – Congregational Meeting**

**Dec 20 – Pageant Rehearsal**

**Dec 24 – Christmas Pageant**

**Dec 27 & Jan 3 – Winter Break - No RE**

**Jan 10 – Winter RE Session Begins!**

### THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

**The inherent worth and dignity of every person.**

**Justice, equity and compassion in human relations.**

**Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations.**

**A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.**

**The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.**

**The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all.**

**Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.**



## **Maybe: An Advent Reflection**

**December 6th, 2015**

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#### **Mission Statement**

*We come together to create an environment that celebrates our differences, nurtures transformative growth, and promotes an open-minded search for truth and justice both within our walls and beyond.*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 6th, 2015

We would like to inform you that Toniann Read, our beloved Director of Ministry with Children and Youth, will be taking a well-earned sabbatical from January 2016 through April 2016. During this time, we will be hiring a part-time RE coordinator to assist with the basic administrative tasks necessary to maintain our Sunday RE classes. This coordinator will work closely with our MCY Council to continue to serve our families and congregation. Whilst we are confident that our RE classes can proceed three times a month, as usual, during this sabbatical, other elements of our ministry will be limited and restricted until Toniann's return. We appreciate the support of our dedicated volunteers, our families, our Minister, the Board and our fellow congregants, in making this a successful sabbatical for all involved. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Cynthia or any member of the MCY Sabbatical Committee: Merri Beth Stephens, Randy Blasch, Kara Sweeney

Please join your beloved UUMAN community on **December 13, 2015** for our **Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting**. We will be voting to approve changes to our bylaws. For this meeting a **quorum is needed which is 50% of the membership +1** for proxy votes or being there in person. We will also hear reports of challenges met and accomplishments made over the year, and receive exciting information from our Search Committee and from the Ministry for Children and Youth. If you have not received material for the Congregational meeting please contact Donna Guile (. We want to hear your questions and your ideas for UUMAN. Come share your appreciation and support.

### **Contemplative Practice**

*Centering Prayer Saturdays 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.* Please come at 9:10 for some basic instruction if this is your first time. The meditation itself begins promptly at 9:30. Please be in your seats on time. For more information on Centering Prayer, contact Carolyn Bommarito . *Mindfulness Meditation Sundays 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Discovery Hall.* Brief instruction as needed and check-in for about 15 minutes followed by one or more 10 to 30 minute sittings, as those in attendance decide. For more information on Mindfulness Meditation, contact Kevin King. For both groups, those who wish may stay after for 30 to 45 minutes of discussion about our experiences.

Please mark your calendars now for the weekend of February 6 - 7, 2016! During this weekend we will be **celebrating UUMAN's Silver Anniversary ReUUnion – 25 Years – Standing on the Side of Love**. The celebration committee is in the process of planning several fun events that you won't want to miss, so plan to be in town. If you are interested in helping with the Anniversary celebration please see Bev Jordan.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS December 6th, 2015 (continued)

Our **Circle of Women** meets every second and fourth Tuesday at 10 AM in Discovery Hall. All are welcome. Join us for coffee, community, and conversation. Their next meeting will be Tuesday, December 8th. Come share your story in our circle of trust. Contact Linda Etheridge, or Kate Hudson with any questions.

**Spirit of Life – a 9-session Adult RE/Faith Development class** meeting Monday evenings from 7:30 - 9:00 in Discovery Hall, beginning Jan. 18. Spirit of Life workshops offer participants space, time, and community to explore their Unitarian Universalist spirituality. Each focuses on a different aspect of the spiritual life, framed by the lyrics of Carolyn McDade's song "Spirit of Life." Like the song, the workshops are designed to be welcoming to Unitarian Universalists of many spiritual and theological persuasions. Participants are invited to claim an inclusive definition of spirituality and recognize the spiritual aspects of their lives. Reflecting, speaking, and listening are core activities in each workshop. The Spirit of Life program taps into one of the central functions of religion, eloquently described by minister Kendyl Gibbons: "... how we—each of us, in our uniquely constituted beings—recognize and understand and make sense of that unbidden, overwhelming awe at the wonder, magnificence, danger, demand, and delight of being alive." Dave Hudson and Jim Saunders facilitate. Contact Dave Hudson to sign up or for more information.

How does UUMAN fit into your holiday plans? Instead of receiving gifts from family and friends this year, ask them to make a donation to UUMAN to celebrate you! Our committee will even write the thank you note for you! Have you lost someone dear to you this year who you would like to honor and remember? Make a donation in their memory to UUMAN. Is there someone on your shopping list who is impossible to buy for? Make a donation to UUMAN! We will send them an acknowledgement of your generosity. Was there a special event this year such as a wedding or birth that you would like to recognize? Make a donation to UUMAN! The honoree will be notified with a note. The event will be recognized in the OOW and the monthly UUMAN Times bulletin upon request. If you would like more information concerning Life Events Gifting, please contact contact Jan Wilson.

***Experience Open Hearts and Open Minds here today at UUMAN. We thank you for coming to the service today and if you would like to know more about us visit us at Visitor packets are available in the foyer. Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.***