

Order of Service

December 17, 2023

“Cover Me in Sunshine: A Solstice Story Service”

Inspired by *The Solstice Badger*, written & illustrated by Robin McFadden

Led by: Sadie Kahn-Greene & UU Nashua Children & Youth

UU Nashua Musicians: Jed Holland, Mike Cooper, John Burkitt

Solstice Badger Weavings made by faith formation volunteer Ellie Geyer
with help from our wonder room workshop participants

GATHERING THE COMMUNITY

Prelude Jed Holland, Music Director

Ringling the Bell, Land Acknowledgement & Welcome Phinn P.

CENTERING

Opening Words & Chalice Lighting Leona C. & Cooper H.
Written by 12 year old Anna L. using suggestions made by
UU Nashua children & Youth

Opening Hymn: “*Winds Be Still*” Hymn #83
(words: Richard S. Kimball; music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley)

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

Solstice Introduction Andrew G.
written by Rev. Kimberlee Tomczak Carlson

Anthem: “*Solstice Carol*” UU Nashua Choir
(words & music: Diane Benjamin)

Solstice Story Part I Anna L, Ruth S., Amelia A. & Friends

Solstice Story Part II Anna L., Graham C., Sabrina P.

Solstice Story Part III Aiden A., Beatrix W., Sabrina P.

Caring Candles Rev. Allison & Ruby D.
Silent Reflection Hymn #123
Response: “*Spirit of Life*”

Solstice Story Part IV Aiden A., Bennett R., Charlotte C.,
Ruth S., & Friends

Outreach Offering: Harbor Care

Aiden A.

Text “give” to give to the monthly outreach

Text “(amount) pledge” to give to the church

(603) 945-2859

Or give online at <https://uunashua.org/give/donate/>

Offertory: Instrumental

Jed Holland

Response: “*From You I Receive*”

Hymn #402

GOING DEEPER

Solstice Story Part V

Phinn P., Charlotte C., Abigail B.

Anthem: “*Cover Me In Sunshine*”

(words & music: Amy Allen & Mozella; recording artist: Pink & Willow Sage Hart)

Abigail B. & Youth Choir

Mike Cooper-Guitar

Solstice Story Part VI

UU Nashua Children & Youth

RETURNING TO SERVICE IN LIFE

Closing Hymn: “*This Little Light of Mine*”

Hymn #118

(words: Dennis Hamilton; music: Jeannie Gagné; arr.: Mark Freundt)

Benediction & Chalice Extinguishing

Leona C. & Ruby D.

Written by 12 year old Anna L. using suggestions made by

UU Nashua children & Youth

Song for Parting: “Peace & Joy”

(words & music: Kathy Grossman)

Postlude

Jed Holland, Music Director

To view the words to the anthems, visit: <https://bit.ly/anthemsuunashua>

Notes for our In-person Attendees

MASKS & COVID VACCINATIONS: Masks are optional and vaccinations are strongly encouraged. *If you test positive for Covid-19 within 5 days of attending service, please inform the Church Office at uucnoffice@uunashua.org*

CARING CANDLES: If you have a joy or sorrow to share, you can fill out a Candle Card (on the welcome tables) and give it to a Greeter or Staff member prior to the start of the service. You can also Text your Joy/Concern to 910-807-3851. Please include your name.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP ROOM (Room 8): Available most Sundays from 9:50-11am for any children, especially young children, to play and meet church caregivers that are both volunteers and staff. The worship service is streamed into this classroom, offering young and old a chance to hear the music and words of the service in a setting that might better meet the needs of young, active or nervous children. Please reach out to Sadie Kahn-Greene if you have questions or would like to help volunteer in this space.

FAITH FORMATION WORKSHOPS (Room 6,7,8 & CHAPEL): We offer workshop choices for children and jr youth *2nd & 3rd Sundays of the month restarting in January*. Visit the Faith Formation table by the entrance to the sanctuary for more information.

FAMILY CORNER: A space with rugs, rocking chairs, floor chairs and quiet toys in the sanctuary for families with young children. This is a space available during worship for families with younger children to best meet the needs of our families and our multigenerational community.

ACCESSIBLE PARKING: There are 6 dedicated accessible parking spaces inside the gate in the Grove St. parking lot. Access these spaces on the east side of our facility; approach from Whitney St. and turn south on Grove St., a one-way street down to Canal St.