

Order of Service
December 31, 2023
“Poetry Sharing Service”
Led by: Dick Widhu

GATHERING THE COMMUNITY

Prelude Jed Holland, Music Director
Ringing the Bell, Land Acknowledgement & Welcome Dick Widhu

CENTERING

Opening Words & Chalice Lighting Dick Widhu & Phinn P.
Words by Candace Bushnell
Opening Hymn: “*Winter Solstice Chant*” Hymn #1063
(words & music: Phillip Palmer; arr.: Jeannie Gagné)

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

Introduction to Poetry as a Spiritual Practice Ellen Fisher
Introduction to the First Set of Poetry Readings Carl Phillips
Outreach Offering: Harbor Care Robin Trudel
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
Caring Candles Carl Phillips & Laurie Barry
Silent Reflection
Response: “Spirit of Life” Hymn #123

GOING DEEPER

Introduction to the Second Set of Poetry Readings Carl Phillips
Anthem: “*Stars I Shall Find*” UU Nashua Choir
(words (poem): Sara Teasdale; music: Victor C. Johnson)
Introduction to the Third Set of Poetry Readings Carl Phillips
Words for Reflection Dick Widhu

RETURNING TO SERVICE IN LIFE

Closing Hymn: “*Turn the World Around*”

Hymn #1074

(words & music: Harry Belafonte & Robert Freedman; Arr.:
Jason Shelton)

Benediction & Chalice Extinguishing

Carl Phillips & Sabrina P.

Postlude

Jed Holland, Music Director

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.