

Order of Service
December 29, 2024
“Poems of Peace”
Led by Erin Scott

GATHERING THE COMMUNITY

Prelude	Jed Holland, Music Director
Ringling the Bell & Welcome	Erin Scott, Ministerial Intern

CENTERING

Opening Words & Chalice Lighting “Into Many Coming Years” By Mary Shelden	Dick Widhu
Opening Hymn: “Peace, Salaam, Shalom” (words & music: Emma’s Revolution)	
Intro to Poetry as a Spiritual Practice	Erin Scott, Ministerial Intern
Poem	Sarah Widhu

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

Outreach Offering: Fuel & Energy Assistance Text “give” to give to the monthly outreach Text “(amount) pledge” to give to the church (603) 945-2859 Or give online at bit.ly/uucnoutreach	Robin Trudel
Offertory: Instrumental Response: “ <i>From You I Receive</i> ”	Jed Holland Hymn #402
Caring Candles (910) 807-3851 Silent Reflection Response: “ <i>Spirit of Life</i> ”	Erin Scott & Marie Jones Hymn #123

GOING DEEPER

Introduction to Poetry Readings	Dick Widhu
Sharing of Poems	
Anthem: “ <i>Stopping By Woods on a Snowy Evening</i> ” (poem: Robert Frost, arr.: Larry Nickel)	UU Nashua Choir
Introduction to Poetry Readings II	Dick Widhu
Sharing of Poems	

Homily	Erin Scott, Ministerial Intern
RETURNING TO SERVICE IN LIFE	
Closing Song: <i>“How Sweet the Darkness”</i>	Hymn #1055
Benediction & Chalice Extinguishing	Erin Scott, Ministerial Intern
Song for Parting: <i>“Peace & Joy”</i> (words & music: Kathy Grossman)	
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 258): Available most Sundays from 9:50-11am for any children, especially young children, to play and meet church caregivers who 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 may 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.

WONDER BAGS:

While we don’t have a dedicated family worship space at Rivier, we have “Wonder Bags” to borrow! They include small clipboards with coloring pages, order of service word searches, pipe cleaners, and quiet toys. Anyone who wants one may choose a bag on their way in and return it on their way out, so it will be ready to be restocked for the next week.

FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY OPTIONS for Children & Youth (Room 302 & Lobby): Children’s chapel service for all children 4 & up on the 1st Sunday of the month.

UU Values Workshop choices for children & youth on the 2nd & 3rd Sundays of the month. All Ages Worship services for everyone are on 4th Sundays.