

Order of Service
December 28, 2025
“A Winter Sojourn: Poetry for All”
Led by Michael Packard, Ministerial Intern

GATHERING THE COMMUNITY

Prelude Jed Holland, Music Director
Ringing the Bell & Welcome Michael Packard, Ministerial Intern

CENTERING

Opening Words & Chalice Lighting Julia Firmbach
Words by Candace Bushnell
Opening Hymn: “*Holy, Holy, Holy*” Scan the QR code in your
(words: Peter Mayer; music: John Bacchus Dykes) pew for the sheet music.
Wonderbox Michael Packard & Julia Firmbach
Frederick by Leo Lionni

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

Outreach Offering: Marguerite’s Place Amanda Banner, Treasurer
Text “give” to give to the monthly outreach
Text “(amount) pledge” to give to the church
(603) 945-2859
Offertory: Instrumental Jed Holland
Response: “*From You I Receive*” Hymn #402
Anthem: “*Gaudeamus Hodie (Let Us Rejoice Today)*” UU Nashua Choir
(words & music: Natalie Sleeth)
Caring Candles Michael Packard & Victoria Agnew
(910) 807-3851
Silent Reflection
Response: “*Spirit of Life*” Hymn #123

GOING DEEPER

Sharing of Poems Michael Packard, Roy Goodman,
Ellen Fisher, Dick Widhu
Anthem: “*Trees*” Kristal Vinson
(words: Joyce Kilmer; music: Oscar Rasbach)
Invitation to read poems Michael Packard

RETURNING TO SERVICE IN LIFE

Closing Hymn: “*Dark of Winter*”

Hymn #55

Benediction & Chalice Extinguishing
from Amanda Gorman’s 2021 inauguration poem

Michael Packard, Ministerial Intern

Song for Parting; “*Peace & Joy*”
(words & music: Kathy Grossman)

Postlude

Jed Holland, Music Director

*House Band members playing regularly: Jaydan H., clarinet; Sara Martin, percussion

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 online prior to the service or 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.

CHILDCARE (Rainbow Room): We offer childcare for children under 4 every Sunday from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. We have toys, books, snacks and caring volunteers and staff offering a safe caring space for little ones.

FAMILY CORNER: This is a space available during worship for families with young children to best meet the needs of our families and our multigenerational community. We offer floor mats, rocking chairs, floor chairs and quiet toys in the sanctuary for families with young children who may need a little more space to be together during worship time.

WONDER BAGS & FLOOR SEATING UP FRONT: We have “Wonder Bags” & Wonder Embroidery to borrow for children of all ages. These quiet toys, stitching & coloring are available to borrow and bring a pew. We also have floor chairs near upfront for children to see better.. Guests can choose a bag upon entering the Narthex or at the front of the church and return it when leaving for restocking the following week.

ACCESSIBLE PARKING: There are 4 dedicated accessible parking spaces 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.