



Sunday, December 1, 2019
10:00 am

LIGHT
—What Does It Mean to be a People of Awe?

A CENTERING THOUGHT:

The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science. He to whom this emotion is a stranger, who can no longer pause to wonder and stand rapt in awe, is as good as dead: his eyes are closed.

– Albert Einstein

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carla Gates, President

SOUNDING THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Do Not Fail to Notice

Rev. Gretchen Haley

Robin Slaw, Director of Religious Education

INTROIT

Beauty, Grace and Mystery

Parker / Benjamin

CHALICE LIGHTING

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

HYMN #1063

Winter Solstice Chant

STORY

LIGHT

Jane Breskin Zalben

ANTHEM

Come Said the Muse

Emma Lou Diemer

SPREADING THE LIGHT

How will you spread the light in your community?

OFFERING OF GIFTS & MUSIC *All Through the Night* Trad. Welsh, arr. Shackley

* NEW! Text **CHALICE** to **73256** to contribute to UUCC via text messaging. *

SHARING JOYS & SORROWS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & REFLECTION

MUSIC MEDITATION *Divinum Mysterium* 12th Century Chant, arr. McCarthy

During the music meditation, your joys & sorrows may be honored by coming forward silently and placing a pebble in the communal bowl on the chancel table.

MOVING MEDITATION Light Kelli Danaker

SPECIAL MUSIC *Rainbow* Musgraves/Hemby/McAnally
Samantha Yakaitis, vocals

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE #388 Dona, Nobis, Pacem

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

MUSIC NOTES:

This morning's anthem, "Come Said the Muse", was written by Emma Lou Diemer - an active and prolific living female composer, born in Missouri but now residing in California. Ms. Diemer set a portion of Walt Whitman's *Song of the Universal* from his collection **Leaves of Grass**. At this time of year, when the days become shorter and some religious traditions await a divine birth, Whitman's words echo an unwavering confidence in a deeper humanity, in spite of the challenges and failings present in the human condition. He writes, "In this broad earth of ours, amid the measureless grossness and the slag, enclosed and safe within its central heart, nestles the seed of perfection. By every life a share or more or less, none born but it is born - conceal'd or unconceal'd, the seed is waiting."

AMPLIFICATION DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH HEARING IMPAIRMENT.

Two types are available. One works with a hearing aid; the other works on its own. Please see an usher if you would like to use one of the units. **LARGE PRINT** copies of the Order of Service are also available. Please see an usher if you would like a copy.

Special thanks to all who helped with today's services, especially . . .

Music	The Chalice Choir – Michael Adcock, director Samantha Yakaitis, vocals		
Audio	Richard Gates		
Set up	Clean Up Coffee		
Flowers	Terry Paul	Clean Up Snacks	Ken Walsh
Bring Snacks	Nancy Kochuk	Ushers	Mary Rodgers
Make Coffee			Phil Webster
Take Down	The Brown Family		Nancy Kochuk

Upcoming Worship Service

NOTE: Only one 10:00 AM service each Sunday in December!

Sunday, December 8, at 10 am – As we approach the shortest day of the year and anticipate the season of winter, the Rev. Paige Getty reminds us of some the deep richness this season offers.

Announcements

The inaugural Climate Forum, “**Invest Green/Offset Carbon**”, will be today, in Sanctuary C after the service. Get a cup of coffee and then join us to discuss various ways we can “invest green” to reduce our carbon footprints, including a discussion about *carbon offsets*.

Immediately following the service is our **Annual Holiday Decorating Party!** Children & Adults are invited to Room 150 and the Office Suite Commons area to decorate for the holidays. Warm pizza and hot chocolate will be served. Please bring holiday cookies to share!

The **UUC Annual Holiday Luncheon** hosted by the Women's Group & the Men's Group will be held at OBIC on **Thursday, December 12 at noon**. UUC Staff and OBIC Staff will be our guests. Others are asked to bring a side dish or a dessert (Enough for 8 People) to share. Contact Jim at jimdessert@gmail.com 443-813-2148 for more information.

Sponsored by UUC and NAMI, the **Holiday Supper for Consumers of Mental Health Services** will be held on **Sunday, December 15th, 3-5:30 pm** at the **Way Station on Rte 108, 1 mile east off 29**. Harvey Zorbaugh will be in Sanct. B after service Sundays 12/1 and 12/8 to answer your questions and sign you up today. You can also contact him at hzorbaugh@gmail.com or 410-730-3852.

Holiday Wreath pickup will be December 8th and 15th. We have extra, so if you forgot to order before the deadline, please stop by after each service right outside the UUC offices.

For more details regarding UUC, please visit the following:

- For edited streaming-audio recordings of our sermons and downloadable PDFs of the order of service: <https://uucolumbia.net/sermon-archive/>
- Latest News: <https://uucolumbia.net/category/the-link/>
- Contact our Staff: <https://uucolumbia.net/staff/>
- Get Involved: <https://uucolumbia.net/get-involved/>
- Karuna Pastoral Care: <https://uucolumbia.net/programs/pastoral-care/>

THE WEEK AHEAD:

Dec 1	Sun	10:00 am	Worship Service, RE Classes, & Nursery Care
		11:00 am	Coffee Hour
		11:30 am	Invest Green / Offset Carbon Forum
		12:30 pm	Tree Decorating Party (room 150)
Dec 2	Mon	1:00 pm	UU Senior Support Group
Dec 3	Tue	11:30 am	Deep Listening Meditation Group
		7:00 pm	Meditation Group
		7:00 pm	Drum Circle
Dec 4	Wed	7:00 pm	Mid-Week Martial Arts
Dec 5	Thurs	7:00 pm	Chalice Choir Rehearsal
Dec 6	Fri	9:00 am	Men's Monthly Breakfast
		6:00 pm	First Friday
		7:00 pm	Friday Martial Arts Lessons
		7:30 pm	Turning Circle
Dec 7	Sat	2:00 pm	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
Dec 8	Sun	10:00 am	Worship Service, RE Classes, & Nursery Care
		11:00 am	Coffee Hour
		11:00 am	Dao Forum – Interfaith Dialogue
		11:30 am	Music Visioning Session
		4:00 pm	Black Lives Matter Monthly Vigil
		5:00 pm	Middle School and High School RE Classes
		5:00 pm	YRUU Sunday Gathering
		5:00 pm	World Religions for Adults
		5:15 pm	Deconstructing Whiteness

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