



**Dark of Winter: A Solstice Service**  
**Order of Service**  
**December 18, 2022**

**Gathering of Community**

Music for Gathering	'O Holy Night' (arr. Childers) Laura Bultman & Jennifer Drake
Opening Words	Rev. Rachel Lonberg
Words of Welcome	Gordon Bolar
Announcements	Rev. Rachel Lonberg
Introit	'Silent Night, Solstice Night' (Reed) Savannah Ramsey & Jennifer Drake

*Silent night, Solstice night  
All is calm, all is bright  
Nature slumbers in forest and glen  
Till in springtime She awakens again  
Sleeping spirits grow strong!  
Sleeping spirits grow strong!*

*Silent night, Solstice night  
Silver moon, shining bright  
Snowfall blankets the slumbering Earth  
Yule fires welcome the Sun's rebirth  
Hark, the light is reborn!  
Hark the light is reborn!*

*Silent night, Solstice Night  
Quiet rest till the light*

*Turning ever the rolling Wheel  
Brings the Winter to comfort and heal  
Rest your spirit in peace!  
Rest your spirit in peace!*

Chalice Lighting Gordon Bolar  
*If you are lighting a chalice at home, you are encouraged to type in the chat box 'A chalice is lit in (your neighborhood/city/street).'*  
Words: 'In Wholeness' by Sean Parker Dennison

**Affirming our Connections**

Sabbatical Blessing for Diane Melvin,  
Director of Religious Education  
Children and Teacher Recessional 'Go Forth' (Ramsey/Drake)  
*Go forth in peace, in search of wisdom,  
With love to guide you on your way  
And may the joy of life surround you  
Wherever you may go.*

Offering Rev. Rachel Lonberg

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Offertory 'I Believe' (Miller) People's Singers  
Giving Thanks for All That Sustains Us Gordon Bolar  
*From the countless gifts we each have been given,  
gifts of life and love and sustenance,  
we bring these small portions to share in the works of love  
which none of us can accomplish alone.*

Song 'The Atheist Christmas Carol' (Vienna Teng)  
Rachel Chadderdon Bair & Darryl Loiacano

Joys and Sorrows

**Searching for Wisdom and Inspiration**

Silent Meditation

