



**PEOPLE'S CHURCH**  
— of Kalamazoo —

**Winter Solstice**  
**December 22, 2024**

**Gathering of Community**

Music for Gathering	Drumming and Percussion
Words of Welcome	Sharon Sauter
Announcements	
Opening Words	Diane Melvin
Introit	'Peace Come Unto Me' lead by Chris Measros
Chalice Lighting	Grace D'Arcangelis
<i>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).'</i>	
Words: by Peter Weller	
A Holiday Message from Rev. Dr. Sofia Bettencourt, President of the Unitarian Universalist Association	
Calling in the Four Directions and Elements	Youth Group
Song	'God Rest Ye Merry Gentle Folk'

**Affirming our Connections**

Story for All	<i>A Snowy Day</i> by Ezra Jack Keats
UU Values Art Mural Activity Distribution	
Offering	Sharon Sauter
<i>Support the good and important work of People's Church:</i>	
<a href="http://www.tinyurl.com/givetopeoples">www.tinyurl.com/givetopeoples</a>	



Offertory	'Interlude' (Dare)	People's Ringers
Giving Thanks for All That Sustains Us		Maddex DeGraw

*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.*

Joys and Sorrows??	Sharon Sauter
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**Searching for Wisdom and Inspiration**

Reading	What is the Meaning of Winter Solstice by Elizabeth Dale
Spoken Meditation and Solstice Ritual	Diane Melvin
Musical Meditation	'Dona Nobis Pacem' (#388)
Blessing of the Seeds	Youth
Music	'Silent Night, Solstice Night'
Reading	Open to the Blessed Darkness by Linda Hart

Welcome Back the Light Ritual	Diane Melvin & Youth
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**Returning to the World**

Closing song	'Deck the Halls' (#235)
Closing words	Diane Melvin
Postlude	

**We invite everyone to join us in the foyer to partake in some Wassail while making paper snowflakes and Chalice Ornaments**

**Zoom breakout questions:** How does it feel to release that which is no longer serving you? Do you find forgiveness helpful? If comfortable, share what seeds you want to nourish this winter.