

## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION PRINCIPLES AND PURPOSES

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Many Unitarian Universalist congregations, including ours, have added an 8<sup>th</sup> Principle:

- Journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.

### How to Make a Donation to Paint Branch

<https://pbuuc.breezechms.com/give/online>; or

Text the whole dollar amount to 301-321-7215; or

Place cash or a check in the offering basket, or mail a check to the church at: P.O. Box 676, Laurel, MD 20725-0676.

### Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

301-937-3666

[www.pbuuc.org](http://www.pbuuc.org)

Meeting Sundays at 3pm at:  
University Christian Church  
6800 Adelphi Road  
Hyattsville, MD 20782



## Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

### Order of Service



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## Welcome Yule

Eric Eldritch and Penney Hughes

*with* Worship Associates

Anne Hoover and Jacqui Walpole

December 17, 2023

3:00 pm

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REV. ANN KADLECEK, *MINISTER*

JEANNETTE JACKSON, *CHURCH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR*

SHARON WERTH, *CHALICE DANCE DIRECTOR*

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church  
Worship Service  
Sunday, December 17, 2023 3 pm

**Prelude** Keith Miller, Pianist  
Yule Medley "Deck the Halls; Jingle Bells; Wassail!"

**Welcome** Anne Hoover, Worship Associate

**Congregational Greeting** Penney Hughes, UU-Pagan

**Music** *Green Grows the Holly* PBUUC Ensemble

**Call to Worship** Eric Eldritch, UU-Pagan

**Music** *Honor the Dark*, by Lea Morris PBUUC Ensemble

**Candle for All Peoples** Eric Eldritch and Anne Hoover

**Chalice Lighting**

We light the flame of this Unitarian Universalist chalice for  
The sun ... reminding us of daily and annual change  
The moon... reminding us of monthly change  
The stars ... reminding us of the ages of change  
This flame ... spreading a circle of light, North, South, East  
and West ... reminding us to spread love, joy, and hope

**Reflection:** *What do you wish for?* Penney Hughes

**\*Hymn** #55 Dark of Winter

**Joys and Sorrows** Jim Flaherty, Pastoral Care Associate

**Communal Ritual**

**Intonation** Diana McFadden, cellist  
*In the Bleak Midwinter* (poem, Christina Rossetti;  
music, Gustav Holst); *Sumer is Icumen In* (traditional  
poem, 13th century composer unknown)

**Silence**

**Offering**

**Music** *Wassail! Wassail!* PBUUC Ensemble

**Reading** *Fallow* by Abi Hanley Fallon

**Music** *Hail the Bless'd Sun* Eric Eldritch + PBUUC Ensemble

**Meditation** *Symbols of Winter* Tricia Most  
Drumming Mary "Tyrle" Rooker

**\*Hymn** Deck the Halls

**Extinguishing Chalice**

*As is the pattern and wisdom of Nature.  
– We gather – We connect – We reflect –  
As a community we learn from each other  
We offer inspiration and nurture intuition.  
Renewed by our time together, we depart  
carrying with us images, music, words and wishes  
for today, tomorrow and the years ahead.*

**Response** *Fuente de Amor/Spirit of Life*

**Announcements**

**Music for Connection and Conversation**

*\* Please rise in body and/or spirit*

**Thank you to today's volunteers!**

Tech: Andy McIntire, Kathi Yu, Liz Citrin

Ushers: Ebony Contreras Peace & Chris Evans

Lead Usher: Chris Evans

This service is recorded using a camera in the rear of the sanctuary. If you wish to avoid being on camera, please sit in the back couple of rows