

MORNING SERVICE

January 12, 2025

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *Think About Your Troubles* by Harry Nilsson

Call to Worship

Unison Chalice Lighting

“Once upon a time, there was what there was –
and if nothing had happened, there would be nothing to tell.”
We light this chalice to celebrate the lives that give rise
to the tales we have to tell.

– adapted from the words of author Charles de Lint

Hymn #34 *Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire*

Food Pantry Offering

A Time for All Ages

(Sing our youth to their classes: #413 *Go Now in Peace*)

Candles of Joys and Sorrows

(Congregation Sings #123 *Spirit of Life*)

Share the Plate – Gilbert Scholarship, Inc.

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Offertory *Circle* by Harry Chapin

Doxology #402 *From You I Receive*

Prayer/ Meditation

Hymn #355 *We Lift Our Hearts in Thanks*

Reading *The Space Visitor and the Story of Jesus*
From *Slaughterhouse Five* by Kurt Vonnegut

Musical Offering

Sermon *The Stories We Live By*

Thea Hagepanos

Hymn #289 *Creative Love, Our Thanks We Give* (verses 1,2 and 4)

Extinguishing the Chalice (in unison)

We extinguish this flame
But not the light of truth,
The warmth of community,
Or the fire of commitment.
These we carry in our hearts
Until we are together again.

Benediction

Shalom (please join together)

Shalom, my friends, Shalom, my friends, Shalom. Shalom.
'Til we meet again, 'Til we meet again, Shalom. Shalom.

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