



Unitarian Society of Germantown  
Order of Service  
Sunday, December 8, 2024  
**By the Rivers of Babylon:  
Toward Decolonial Jewish Diasporism**  
Guest Minister Rabbi Alissa Wise



**Gathering Music**

Stearns Matthews

**Welcome and Announcements  
Introduction of Today's Guest Speaker**

Sara Hertz, Worship Associate

**Call to Worship**

*May Our Voices Be* by Matthew Rosin

Sara Hertz

**Chalice Lighting**

We light this chalice, the beacon that calls us:

To love

To justice

To a deepening of the spirit.

- Rev. Cynthia Landrum

**Hymn**

#1023: *Building Bridges*

**Time for All Ages**

Zoë Johnston

**Children's Recessional**

Hymn #413: *Go Now in Peace*

**Share the Plate & Offertory**

*Hashiveinu*, traditional Hebrew

This week's plate will be shared with the Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania (LNPA).  
*For directions to donate, refer to the back of the Order of Service cover.*

**Prayers**

Rabbi Alissa Wise

**Joys and Sorrows**

Sara Hertz

**Hymn**

#123: *Spirit of Life*

## **Moment of Silence**

### **Testimony**

Sara Hertz

### **Anthem**

*Beloved* by David Lanz

### **Reading**

*Vahavta* by Aurora Levins Morales

Sara Hertz

### **Sermon**

Rabbi Alissa Wise

### **Hymn**

#318: *We Would Be One*

### **Chalice Extinguishing**

We extinguish our chalice but the flame remains in us,

As we live into the mission of this congregation:

Building Beloved Community with

Compassion, Service and Empowerment

### **Sung Response**

*Our Worship Has Ended* by Stearns Matthews

*Our worship has ended, let our service begin.*

*Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.*

### **Benediction**

Rabbi Alissa Wise

### **Recessional**

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**Visitor Form:** <https://usg.breezechms.com/form/f0ac5e>

### **To Donate to USG**

By text, use 215-608-2660 with the dollar amount followed by a space and the intended fund. Ex:

- 20 stp sends \$20 to Share The Plate
- 20 pledge sends \$20 toward your pledge

By check, make payable to USG with intended fund in memo line.

Online, go to [bit.ly/USGgiving](http://bit.ly/USGgiving) (case sensitive) and follow prompts.

## Upcoming Events

Find more details at [usguu.org](http://usguu.org)  
under the News and Events tab.



### Upcoming Worship Services during these Holidays & Holy Days

**Sunday, December 15**

**10:30am - The No Rehearsal Christmas Pageant!**

with DSD Zoë Johnston

Followed by

**the Cookie Reception!**

Everyone who loves baking Christmas cookies, please bring a couple dozen to share! We will serve hot and cold cider and we will get all sugared up and happy together! and **Greening the Sanctuary**

**Sunday, December 22**

**10:30am - Winter Solstice Service**

with DSD Zoë Johnston

**6:00-8:00pm - Solstice Firewheel Ceremony & Potluck**

**Tuesday, December 24, 6:00pm**

**Christmas Eve Candlelight and Carols Service**

with Rev. Hannah Capaldi

and Director of Music Ministries Stearns Matthews and the USG Choir

**Sunday, December 29**

**10:30am - Kwanzaa Service**

at USG with UU Mt Airy Congregations

Use the QR Code to sign up to offer your help  
with candle lighting & the potluck



**Sunday, January 5**

**10:30am - Jazz Funeral for The Old Year**

with the Barbone Street Jazz Band

**All of these services are delightfully intergenerational!**