



Unitarian Society of Germantown  
Order of Service  
Sunday, December 22, 2024



**Tending to the Fire**  
**A Winter Solstice Service**

Director of Spiritual Development Zoë Johnston  
Director of Music Ministries Stearns Matthews

**Gathering Music**  
Stearns Matthews

**Welcome and Announcements**  
Andrea Barsevick, Worship Associate

**Call to Worship**  
Zoë Johnston

**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**  
*#1063: Winter Solstice Chant*

**Time for All Ages**  
Sun Salutation with Zoë Johnston

**Share The Plate & Offertory**  
Improvisation by Stearns Matthews

This week's plate will be shared with the Family Promise of Philadelphia (FPP).  
*For directions to donate, please see below (page 2).*

**Joys and Sorrows**

**Hymn**  
*#123: Spirit of Life*

**Moment of Silence**

**Testimony**  
Andrea Barsevick

**Anthem**  
*Spiraling into the Center* by Lorna Kohler  
Stearns Matthews and the Family Choir

**Reading**

Andrea Barsevick

**Sermon**

Zoë Johnston

**Tending to the Fire**

Zoë Johnston

**Hymn**

#55: *Dark of Winter*

**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**

Zoë Johnston

**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](https://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!**