



Unitarian Society of Germantown
Order of Service
The Coming of the Dawn
December 21, 2025



Gathering Hymn
Coming of the Dawn

Welcome & Announcements
Alexandra Wood, Worship Associate

Call to Worship
The Shortest Day
Rev. Hannah Capaldi, Minister

Chalice Lighting
Love is the spirit of this church, and service is its prayer.
This is our great covenant: to dwell together in peace,
to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.

Lighting of the Menorah
Led by Marjorie Winther, Jeremy Stoff, and Emily Joy Goldberg

Hymn
This Little Light of Mine

Story
Rebirth of the Sun
Zoë Johnston, Dir. Spiritual Development

Embodied Prayer
May the Long Time Sun
Stearns Matthews, Dir. Music Ministries

Testimony
Alexandra Wood

Offertory
May I Be Empty
Performed by USG Choir

Prayers

Hymn
#55, *Dark of Winter*

Poem
Video and text by Rebecca Parker

Homily
Rev. Hannah Capaldi

Ritual
Welcoming the Sun

Hymn

May I be Empty

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

Benediction

Rev. Hannah Capaldi

Visitor Form: <https://usg.breezechms.com/form/foac5e>

Support USG - Multiple Ways to Give

Text 215-608-2660 with your donation amount and fund designation.
Simply enter: [Amount] [space] [fund name]

Make checks payable to USG and include intended fund in the memo line.

Online, go to bit.ly/USGgiving and follow prompts.

Upcoming Events and Holiday Services


Annual Cookie Exchange

December 24 from 3-4pm

Bring cookies to share and leave with a diverse array of treats.

MLK Day of Service Prep

While finishing up your holiday shopping, please remember those we help on our MLK Day of Service on January 19! Starting January 4 - January 19, donations may be placed in the bins in the Dining Room.

 Coats for children in kindergarten thru 8th grade. Coats are for girls and boys in children sizes 6 to extra large.

 Bulk packs or individual pairs of new warm socks for adults.

 Stay tuned for sign-ups for all our 2026 MLK Day of Service projects.

Upcoming Holiday Services

Christmas Eve Services

Wednesday, December 24

2pm Family Service and Pageant, 6pm Traditional Service

Kwanzaa

Sunday, December 28

Hosted by UUs of Mt Airy. Located at 6900 Stenton Ave.

Jazz Funeral

Sunday, January 4

Led by Stearns Matthews, feat. the Borbone Street Band

Announcements

Food For Thought: Campaign Update

Together we have raised over 7k! Thank you for your generosity!

The Board of Trustees elects Sara Hertz as Vice President. The position runs through June 2027.

CSD 2025-2026 Registration is always open!

Register your family [here](#).