

**Order of Service**  
**November 23, 2025**  
Gregory Guth, Service Pianist  
Julie Marquis, Worship Associate

(\*) Indicates rising in body or spirit

◆ **Gathering Bell and Prelude**

**Words of Welcome**

Whoever you are, we welcome you.  
Wherever you come from, we welcome you.  
Whomever you love, we welcome you.

\***Gathering Music**      *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*  
gray hymnal #29

**Land Acknowledgment**

**Chalice Lighting**

**Readying Hearts**      *May Peace Rain Over Us*  
Sing Out Love

May peace, peace rain over us,  
Let it fill this place.  
May peace, peace rain over us,  
'Til we're filled with grace.

May it flow through the lands and the rivers  
May it bring rebirth.  
May peace, peace rain over us  
Cov'ring all the Earth

**Labyrinth Rite ☚**

*We create a sacred space to hold one another's joys,  
concerns, and sorrows.*

**Song in Meditation**      *Spirit of Life*  
gray hymnal #123

**Time for All Ages**      "The Quiltmaker's Gift"  
By Jeff Brumbeau & Gail de Marcken  
Read by Kate Smidt

**Children & Youth Dismissed to Activities**  
(Reeb Benediction)

**Opening Words**      from *Becoming Rooted*  
(Woodley)

**Reflection**

\***Song in Response**      *Heart Opening Song*  
(Randy Partain)

**Responding with Gratitude** (Offertory)

**Extinguishing the Chalice**

\***Sung Blessing**      *Travel Light*  
(Carole Eagleheart)

\***Benediction & Postlude**

We will share the offering with Hearts & Hands this month. UU Amherst has been a partner with Hearts & Hands for eight years as they provide rides, yardwork, and companionship to seniors in the community. You can support their work by volunteering and/or financial contributions. Simply make checks payable to UU Amherst with "Hearts and Hands" in the memo line, or place cash in an envelope and designate for H&H.

◆ We live stream and record our services. The recordings can be found at our YouTube channel, UU Amherst. If you are shy about appearing in the video, we suggest you sit toward the back of the chapel.

☚ *Note that there is an additional small labyrinth at the back of the chapel, as well as the large one up front.*

**CONNECTING AT UU AMHERST ✦**

**NOVEMBER**

**Sun 11/23**      **Book Sale & Children's Story Time**  
Atrium, Potter Room, Living Room  
12:00-1:30 pm

**Safety Task Force**  
12:00 pm Murray Meeting Room

**Mon 11/24**      **Last Chance Book Bag Sale**  
Atrium, Potter Room, Living Room  
4:00-6:00 pm

**Wed 11/26**      **Historical Jesus Video Series**  
1:00 pm Living Room

**Thr 11/27**      **Thanksgiving with Friends**  
1:00 pm Emerson Room  
Sign up at Welcome Desk

**Sun 11/30**      **UU Amherst Book Club**  
12:00 pm Living Room

**DECEMBER**

**Fri 12 /5**      **JAT Movie Night**  
7:00 pm Emerson Room

**Sun 12 /7**      **Hygge Gathering**  
11:30 am Emerson Room

**Thr 12 /11**      **Blue Holiday Vespers**  
7:00 pm Chapel

✦ *Note: This is a partial list. Recurring group meetings, rentals and meetings by non-UU Amherst groups take place during the month. To see all activities, visit the Calendar page at*



**TODAY**  
**Book Sale w/  
Children's Story Time**  
**12-1:30 pm**

**MONDAY**  
**Last Chance Bag Sale**  
**4-6 pm**

We will also have discounted clothing for sale from the Clothing Ministry as well as other goodies to be announced later. All proceeds support UU Amherst. Please spread the word!

### Sunday Services December

**12/7 "Homebody"** john Snodgrass  
Winter comes, and with it, the perfect excuse to stop feeling guilty about wanting to stay indoors all the time. Most humans in the modern world spend most of their time inside. How did we get to be this way?

**12/14 Choosing Hope** Rev. Michelle

**\*12/18 Blue Holiday Special Vespers at 7 pm**

**12/21 Where is the Light?** Rev. Michelle  
Solstice - the longest night of the year. As we traverse the dark night of the soul, we ask, Where is the light?

**\*12/2 Christmas Eve Service at 3 pm** Rev. Michelle  
**"What Child is This?"**

**12/28 One More Circle 'Round the Sun** Rev. Michelle

**\*other than Sunday**



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**What to do with Thanksgiving?**  
**Rev. Michelle**  
**November 23rd, 2025**