



## Sounding of the Gong

### Ingathering Meditation

Kelly J. Crocker, Minister of Congregational Life

### Prelude

*Divinum Mysterium* Plainsong chant  
Solstice Harp Ensemble arr. Linda Warren  
Mary Ellen Bell, Tim Johnson, Alice Kissling, Karen Roberts,  
and Linda Warren

### \*Calling of the Directions

*In this small flame dwell:  
the beacon light of lanterns guiding travelers home;  
the warmth of hearth fires tended through the  
generations;  
the transforming energy of furnaces and the power  
and life of our sun.  
May these blessings —  
warmth and light and life-giving energy —  
be kindled in each of us.*

- Jean L Wahlstrom

### \*Exchange of Solstice Greetings

### \*Opening Hymn

#1067 • *Mother Earth, Beloved Garden*

### A Solstice Tale

*A Coyote Solstice* by Thomas King and Gary Clement  
Carin Bringelson, Student Minister

### \*Hymn

#1063 • *Winter Solstice Chant*

## Drum Battle of the Oak King & the Holly King

### Special Music

*Celebrate the Seasons* Andy Beck  
Teen Choir; Heather Thorpe, director

### A Story for Winter

*The Solstice Badger* by Robin McFadden

### Offertory

*A Winter Day* Jay Althouse  
Teen Choir; Heather Thorpe, director

*100% of proceeds from today's offering will go to eviction prevention programs in Dane County. Please see the back cover for more information.*

### Solstice Ritual

### \*Closing Hymn

#235 • *Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly*

### Releasing the Directions and Benediction

### Postlude

*Picardy* French carol  
arr. Warren

Solstice Harp Ensemble



\* Please rise in body or spirit.

## Special Holiday Offering

All of the offertory collected during today's Winter Holiday Services will be given to eviction prevention funding in Dane County. The majority of the proceeds will be given to the Madison-area Urban Ministries (MUM)'s eviction prevention program and the remaining funds will go to the ministers' discretion fund. Many of the people we assist have been in stable housing and are at risk of eviction due to an emergency, job loss, or illness. Often they are making difficult choices between food and utility payments. Others have found housing after spending time in shelters and are struggling with security deposits. These funds are crucial to keeping families in stable housing. If you or your family need assistance, please contact the Rev. Kelly at 608-233-9774 ext. 112.

Thank you for your generous gifts!



## Welcome the Night

The longest night has come once more,  
the sun has set, and darkness fallen.  
The trees are bare, the earth asleep,  
and the skies are cold and black.  
Yet tonight we rejoice, in this longest night,  
embracing the darkness that enfolds us.  
We welcome the night and all that it holds,  
as the light of the stars shines down.

~ Jason Mankey

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