



## Sounding of the Gong

### Prelude

*A Day in a Manger* Jackson Berkey  
Linda Warren, piano

### Welcome

Steve Goldberg, Worship Associate

## Moment of Centering Silence

### Opening Words

from Paul Vachon

### \*Lighting of the Chalice

We light this chalice on the brink of a new year  
Letting go of what has been  
Open and hopeful for what may come  
Renewed, restored, ready  
To live Life fully anew  
May we move forward with intention.

—Lois Van Leer

### \*Ingathering Hymn

#346 • *Come, Sing a Song with Me*

### \*Exchange of Friendly Greetings

## Sharing of Joys and Sorrows

### \*Hymn

#350 • *The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time*  
(Children are invited to stay and participate in worship)

### Responsive Reading

#544 • *New Year's Day*

### Gift of Music

*The Mountains and the Sea* Jackson Berkey

### Ritual of Letting Go

*Let Go* by Lois Van Leer

### Ritual of Getting Grounded

*First Comes the Waiting* by Erika A. Hewitt

### Offertory

*Thoughts and Remembrances* Jackson Berkey

Please see our special holiday offering information on the back of your program. Thank you for your generosity!

### Ritual of Reaching Out

"Pinky Lends a Trunk"

## Acknowledgements and Opportunities

### \*Closing Hymn

#123 • *Spirit of Life*

## \*Benediction & Extinguishing the Chalice

### Postlude (*please be seated*)

*Still, Still Night* Jackson Berkey



\* Please rise in body or spirit.

## SPECIAL HOLIDAY OFFERING

All of the offering collected during today's winter holiday service 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) 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!*



“Whenever we grow,  
we tend to feel it,  
as a young seed must feel the  
weight and inertia of the earth as it  
seeks to break out of its shell on  
its way to becoming a plant.”

—Alice Walker

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Sunday, December 29, 2019  
10 am in the Atrium Auditorium