



# “HOLDING HOPE & RELEASING REGRETS” SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27 @ 10 AM

## Order of Service

Sounding of the Gong  
Prelude  
Welcome  
Centering Silence  
Opening Words  
Chalice Lighting  
Opening Hymn  
A Story of Regret  
Offering  
A Story of Dreams  
Gift of Music  
Ritual of Hopes and Regrets  
Cares of the Congregation\*  
Closing Hymn  
Benediction & Extinguishing the Chalice  
Postlude

\*Cares of the Congregation can be submitted online at [www.fusmadison.org/cares-of-the-congregation](http://www.fusmadison.org/cares-of-the-congregation). Those received before Friday at 12 pm can be read during a future Sunday worship service.

## Unitarian Universalist Sources

*The living tradition we share draws from many Sources:*

- Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life.
- Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love.
- Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life.
- Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves.
- Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit.
- Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

## About First Unitarian Society

We are a large community welcoming “all those of whatever theological opinion who wish to unite with us in the promotion of truth, righteousness, reverence, and charity among all” since 1879.

Our Unitarian Universalist tradition encourages “a free and responsible search for truth and meaning” and the pursuit of justice in our world. We agree there is no single, superior path but instead many possibilities. We welcome and celebrate the diversity found us.

If you are looking for a community of kindred spirits on your spiritual and ethical journey, First Unitarian Society of Madison welcomes you.

## Outreach Offering Information

Today's Outreach Offering recipient is Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism (BLUU)  
You can donate online at [www.fusmadison.org/offering](http://www.fusmadison.org/offering) or text GIVE with any amount to 608-459-1500.  
Thank you for giving generously.

## Our Worship Team

Kelly J. Crocker, Minister of Congregational Life  
Roger Bertschausen, Interim Minister  
Drew Collins, Music Director  
Heather Thorpe, Director of Children & Youth Choirs  
Linda Warren, Assistant Music Director  
Dan Carnes, A/V & Event Specialist  
Steven Gregorius, Event Specialist