

ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday December 27, 2020, 10:15 am

"Goodbye (and Good Riddance?) to 2020"



Rev. Florence Caplow

Theresa Benson

Juan Camacho, Piano

Austin Cody, Song Leader

Rev. Sally Fritsche, Reader

Steve Troyer, AV

"Let's face it, in 2020, any laugh you can emit, no matter how fleeting, is a small but precious victory". - Charlie Brooker

Opening Words & Land Acknowledgment Rev. Florence Caplow

Prelude: "Let It Go"- from *Frozen*, arr. Kyle Landry

Chalice Lighting

Fire consumes, and casts a bright light.

May our chalice flame consume our regrets for the past,
our fears about the future, and our worries about today.

May it light for us a path of joy and peace. - Debra Burrell

Goodbye 2020! Rev. Florence Caplow

Reflection "2020 Paradox of Blessings" by Theresa Benson

2020 Burning "Let It Go" by Robert Lopez and Kristen Anderson-Lopez

Hymn #350 "The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time" sung by UUCUC December 30, 2018

Joys and Sorrows & Blessing Song "May the Longtime Sun"

Shared Joys and Sorrows

Time of Music and Reflection "I Giorni" by Ludovico Einaudi

Community Matters & Offertory "Once Upon a December" arr. Kyle Landry/Juan Camacho

Hello 2021! Rev. Florence Caplow

Reading "For the New Year, 1981" by Denise Levertov, read by Rev. Sally Fritsche

Hymn #58 "Ring Out Wild Bells" sung by the UUCUC congregation

Closing Blessing "This Is a New Year" by Howard Thurman

Postlude "Auld Lang Syne" arr. Joyce Leong

Chalice Extinguishing

We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth, the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment. These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.

Land Acknowledgment: *We recognize and acknowledge that we gather today on indigenous land, taken through deception, coercion, and violence. We acknowledge the continued displacement and oppression of Native people and honor their commitments to survival, identity, and the protection of our world.*

Readings today

"For the New Year, 1981" by Denise Levertov, text as published in *Making Peace, Anti-War poems by Denise Levertov*, edited by Peggy Rosenthal (New Directions Publishing, 2006).

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