

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

**OUT OF COURTESY & RESPECT, PLEASE TURN OFF/MUTE CELL PHONES, AND OTHER DEVICES. THANK YOU!**

**\*Rising together in community, as we are able.**

## Music for Gathering

### Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude:** "The Coventry Carol" arranged by Mac Huff  
Susy Gulley, piano solo

### Call to Worship

### Chalice Lighting

### Invocation

**\*Opening Hymn #1008** "When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place" (insert)

**\*Responsive Reading #663** One Small Face

### \*Congregational Covenant (Unison)

Love is the spirit of this church and service is its law.  
This is our great covenant: to dwell together in peace,  
To seek the truth in freedom, and to help one another.

**\*Greeting the Holy in Our Midst**

## SOLSTICE

**Musical Introduction – # 235** "Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly"

**-Presentation and Dedication of Green Man Banner** (insert)

Created and donated by Chris Spencer. Revs Innis and Price

**Story – "The Green Man"** by William Anderson. Rev. Price

**Choral Response:** "Winter Solstice" by Ruth Elaine Schram  
Community UU Choir

## CHANUKAH

**Musical Introduction – # 221** "Light One Candle"

**Story For All Ages Hanukkah Moon** by Deborah da Costa, Illus.,  
Gosia Mosz,, www.karben.com

**RESPONSIVE READING #629** "Hanukkah Lights"

**Pastoral Prayer/Communion of Names**

**Silence and Musical Meditation**

**\*\*Offertory:** "Bidi Bom" by David Eddleman  
Community UU Choir

## ADVENT and CHRISTMAS

**Musical Introduction – #224** "Let Christmas Come"

**REFLECTION "Myth and Miracle"** from *A Small Heaven*

by the Rev. Jane Rzepka

**Responsive Reading # 621** "Why Not a Star"

**Choral Response:** "Time to Sing-a-Noel" by Mary Val Marsh

Community UU Choir

**\*Closing Song** "Where is the Light" by Peter Mayer

(see insert and screen)

**\*Extinguishing the Chalice (Unison)**

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.

**\*Benediction**

(Please be seated)

**Postlude:** "Bidi Bom" (Reprise) by David Eddleman

Community UU Choir

**Fellowship and Refreshments** (Founders Hall)

**"Church Chats", a Sermon/Service Discussion** (Sanctuary)

\*\*Offering: This church is supported by the pledges of our members and friends.  
The offering provides an additional opportunity for expressing generosity by those attending today's worship.

## OUR SHARED MINISTRY THIS MORNING

**Worship Leader:** *Revs. Price and Innis*

**Worship Associate:** *Sam Mount*

**Worship Facilitator:**

**Board Member on duty:** *Sarah Reiling*

**Interim Dr. Re. Ed.:** *The Rev. Jennifer Innis*

**Ushers:** *Sarah Reiling and Janice Hildenbrand*

**Flowers:**

**Musicians:** *Community UU Choir and Guest Dir. Susy Gulley*

**Membership Representatives:** *Gene & Vicki Verinder*

**Audio/Visual Technician:** *Rob Hight*

**Fellowship:** *Families whose last name falls between Mayo thru Nickols*

**Next Sunday, December 24 – 10:30am – "A Christmas Spirit Worship For All Ages"**. Everyone is invited to attend in their new Christmas Pajamas or favorite holiday morning lounging. Children are invited to bring a quiet toy. Speakers – Rev. Price and Innis.

## **Presentation and Dedication of New Green Man Banner**

(Unison) We, the members and friends of the Community Unitarian Universalist Church of Plano, do gratefully accept this banner representing the Green Man, a symbol of life, death and renewal.

We dedicate it for our use as religious art and as a liturgical tool to embody in our worship our commitment and celebration of our Unitarian Universalist Principles and Sources.

May it serve us in beauty as a reminder of our desires to nourish spirits, to work for justice and to transform lives. May it be so. Amen and blessed be.