

As Unitarian Universalists we covenant to affirm and promote:

- *The inherent worth and dignity of every person;*
- *Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;*
- *Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;*
- *A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;*
- *The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;*
- *The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;*
- *Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.*

Inspired by many sources, we seek truth and grow in spirit.

Our Living Traditions include:

- *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.*

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Announcements & news for the Sunday Service bulletin and Friday e-news are due by 9 a.m. every Tuesday. Please email announcements to admin@uufbozeman.org.



**UNITARIAN
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“O Come, O Come, Splendor Bright: Come Within as Love to Dwell”

**- with Rev. Margo Rinehart,
read by Carolyn Widman**

December 24, 2024



WE:

WELCOME DIVERSITY
ACT FOR JUSTICE
FOSTER SPIRITUAL GROWTH
INSPIRE COMPASSION
NURTURE COMMUNITY
SUSTAIN OUR LIVING PLANET

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Prelude: *Allegro from Concerto in Bb Major for Two Trumpets* by Antonio Vivaldi; Dan Wood and Matthew Makeever, piccolo and trumpet; Laurel Yost, piano

Greetings and Introduction Carolyn Widman, Lay Leader

Greet Your Neighbor

Opening Hymn #235: "Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly"

Laurel Yost, pianist; Brass Trio

Opening Words/Lighting of the Chalice

Words by Rev. Sarah Richards

Music: "One Light" by Lorraine Nelson Wolfe Megan Makeever
"One light shining for me, lighting the darkness, helping me see, all we need is one light, all we need is one light, just one light"

Hymn #245: "Joy to the World" Laurel Yost, pianist; Brass Trio

Reading: "Christmas Eve Night" by Mary Wellenmeyer

Hymn #225: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Laurel Yost, pianist; Brass Trio

Reading: "The Moment of Magic" by Victoria Stafford

Homily: "O Come, O Come, Splendor Bright Come Within as Love to Dwell" by Rev. Margo Rinehart, read by Carolyn Widman

Special Music: "'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime" a Huron Carol/"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" by John Mason Neale; arrangement by Megan Makeever; Ashley and Megan Makeever, voice; Sue Makeever, alto flute; Matthew Makeever, flugelhorn

Offering: Minister Discretionary Fund

Music: "Pat-a-Pan" (traditional carol); arranged by Daniel Kelley; Sue Makeever and Megan Makeever, flutes

Closing Hymn #251: "Silent Night" Laurel Yost, pianist; Brass Trio

Closing Words/Extinguishing the Chalice: Words by Shari Woodbury

Closing Music: "Stille, Stille, Stille" Hui Yost, euphonium, Hymn #239: "Go Tell It on the Mountain" Laurel Yost, pianist; Brass Trio



We extend a special heartfelt thank you to:

Sermon: Rev. Margo Rinehart

Lay Leader: Carolyn Widman

Musicians: Matthew Makeever, Ashley Makeever, Sue Makeever,

Megan Makeever, Dan Wood, Hui Yost, Laurel Yost

Assistants: Lynn Flaming, Barbara Lantz, Rachel Rockafellow,

Peg Wherry

RE Staff: Beth Witte, Christine Wilcox & volunteers

Children's Religious Exploration (RE) Information: Our programs include children of all ages. Children ages 2 to 12 are welcome to join RE class in the large classroom in the back of the building. We currently do not offer nursery service but if you have a child under 2, please feel free to grab a busy bag and use the nursery room as a calming space. For more information about the program or if you have questions, please contact the Religious Exploration Coordinator Beth Witte at cre@uufbozeman.org.



Upcoming Service

December 29, 2024 • "A New Years Resolution for 2025: Love Your Enemies???!!" read by Neil Gregersen

Many faith traditions teach about having love and compassion for our enemy. Given the current political agenda how can we possibly think about loving people who have sworn to destroy many of the systems and even people we hold dear? Can we use love as fuel for our resistance? Neil Gregersen reads excerpts from a UU Minister's sermon and other UU authors in exploring these questions. We'll also have a New Year's ritual.

Welcome! If you are visiting, we invite you to contact us so we may inform you of our activities. Please join us after the service for coffee, tea, and conversation.

As a "Welcoming Congregation," the UUFB seeks to be fully inclusive of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons.