

MORNING SERVICE

December 29, 2024

Words of Welcome

Prelude *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day* Longfellow/Marks

Call to Worship

Unison Chalice Lighting 1 Corinthians 13, adapted

If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing.

If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

In this coming year: May I be patient; may I be kind; may I not be envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.

May I not insist on my own way; May I not be irritable;

May I keep no record of wrongs;

May I not rejoice in wrongdoing but may I rejoice in the truth.

May I bear all things, believe all things, hope all things, and endure all things. May my ability to love never end.

And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

Hymn #1 *May Nothing Evil Cross This Door*

Food Pantry Offering

A Time for All Ages

(Sing our youth to their classes: #413 *Go Now in Peace*)

Candles of Joys and Sorrows

(Congregation Sings #123 *Spirit of Life*)

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon *Holidays, Now and Then* Rev. Greg Thomas

Hymn #16 *Tis a Gift to Be Simple*

Share the Plate – Diaper Bank of the Lower Cape Fear

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Offertory *Oh, Hanukkah* traditional Yiddish song

Doxology #402 *From You I Receive*

Closing Words & Closing Song #118 *This Little Light of Mine*

Extinguishing the Chalice (in 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.

Shalom (please join together)

Shalom, my friends, Shalom, my friends, Shalom. Shalom.
'Til we meet again, 'Til we meet again, Shalom. Shalom.

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