

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY
OF GRAFTON AND UPTON
December 18th, 2022

Honoring the Stories of the Winter Solstice
Multigenerational Sunday
with Rev. Daniel Gregoire and Cherilyn Reno, DRE



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UUSGU Mission Statement:
Spark the spirit and the mind.
Kindle loving community.
Ignite social justice in the world.

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Today's flowers are in celebration of
the solstice and the light that we know will return to our world.

Community Music	Lisa Utzig
Call to Worship	Rev. Daniel Gregoire
Opening Reading	Michael Quarrey
Prelude <i>"Hey, Ho, Nobody Home"</i> a traditional English carol from the early 1600's.	UUSGU Choir
Welcome	Michael Quarrey
Chalice Lighting (see blue music card in pew pocket)	
Story Part One <i>"The Oak King and the Holly King"</i> Adapted by Marynell Hinton and Tobin Atkinson for Solstice Service at First Unitarian Church of Salt Lake City	Cherilyn Reno, DRE
Sharing of Joys and Sorrows	Michael Quarrey
Prayer	Rev. Daniel Gregoire
*Hymn of the Month <i>"I Am That Great and Fiery Force"</i> #27 in <i>Singing the Living Tradition</i>	Lisa Utzig
Story Part Two <i>"Cherokee Solstice Story"</i> from "The Winter Solstice" by Jan Davey Ellis	Caroline Scott

Homily

Rev. Daniel Gregoire

Invitation to Generosity

Michael Quarrey

Our Share the Plate: California Community Foundation's Wildfire Recovery Fund

The California Community Foundation's Wildfire Recovery Fund supports intermediate and long-term recovery efforts for major California wildfires, as well as preparedness efforts. Since 2003, the fund has granted more than \$32 million to support relief and recovery efforts in the aftermath of devastating California wildfires. For more information: <https://www.calfund.org/wildfirerecoveryfund/>

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Hymn

Caroline and Lauren Scott, Josie DeLorme

"Solstice Carole" by Kim Baryluk

Story Part Three

Rev. Daniel Gregoire

"The Christmas Story"

Hymn

Lisa Utzig

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently the wonder is made known,
when God imparts to human hearts the gift that is our own.
No ear may hear that coming, but in this worldly din,
when souls are truly humble, then the dear babe rests within.

*** Invitation**

Rev. Daniel Gregoire

Closing Reading

Cherilyn Reno, DRE

*** Extinguishing the Chalice**

(see blue music card in pew pocket)

*** Benediction**

Postlude

Lisa Utzig

**Please rise in body or spirit*

Events Calendar

Today, Sunday, December 18th

- 10:00am Worship Service
- 11:15am Holiday Cookie Decorating in Fellowship Hall
- 3:30pm Brownie Troop 64695

Coming this Week:

Monday, December 19th

- 10:00am Women's Wisdom Circle
 - Contact Helena at leetpellegrini@gmail.com

Tuesday, December 20th

- 4:00pm Tea with the Minister and Kate
 - Contact Joann at admin@uusgu.org
- 6:30pm AA

Wednesday, December 21st

- 6:00pm Bell Choir
 - Contact Cherilyn Reno at cherilyn@uusgu.org
- 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
 - Contact Lisa Utzig at lisa@uusgu.org

Thursday, December 22nd

- 7:30pm Men's Group
 - Contact Dave at dave@odic.com

Saturday, December 24th

- 7:00pm Christmas Eve Service

For information on future events please see the Church calendar at UUSGU.org

A Place to Create:

Use this space to brainstorm with words or symbols what the stories of the Winter Solstice mean to you. How do you find this time of dark, rest, and regeneration as a source of power as you await the light returning to our world.

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Rev. Daniel Gregoire

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Music Director - Lisa Utzig

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