

THOUGHTS FOR GATHERING

No one ever told us we had to study our lives, make of our lives a study,
as if learning natural history or music – that we should begin
with the simple exercises first and slowly go on trying the hard ones, practicing
till strength and accuracy become one with the daring to leap into transcendence.

And in fact we can't live like that. We take on everything at once –
before we've even begun to read or mark time, we're forced to begin
in the midst of the hardest movement, the one already sounding as we are born.
– Adrienne Rich

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Right Here, Right Now
by Jesus Jones

WELCOME

* CHALICE LIGHTING AND COVENANT

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 love, and to help one another.

* HYMN #29

Joyful, Joyful

INVOCATION (RESPONSIVE #664)

Give Us the Spirit of the Child

ANTHEM

Festive Madrigal
arr. by William Gooch and Donald Moore

TIME FOR ALL AGES

Believing in Hanukkah, Solstice, and Christmas

SINGING THE CHILDREN FORTH:

Go now in peace, go now in peace.
May the spirit of love surround you
everywhere, everywhere you may go.

SHARING JOYS AND SORROWS

MEDITATION

READING

The Expression of Being
adapted from the Gospel of John 1

*HYMN #221

Light One Candle

READINGS

Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening
by Robert Frost

SERMON

WINTER REVELATIONS #2:
Are You Waiting for The Present to Open?

OFFERTORY

O Tannenbaum
German Christmas Song

*HYMN #344

A Promise Through the Ages Runs

*CLOSING

* CARRYING FORTH THE LIGHT

We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth,
the warmth of love, or the fire of courage.
These we carry in our hearts and out into the world.

POSTLUDE

I Have a Little Dreidel
Children's Hanukkah Song

Minister: Rev. Jack Donovan
Music Director: Nic Filzen
Hospitality: Kevin Wamboldt
Greeter:

Worship Associate: Janeya Filzen
Pianist: Teresa Ancaya

* Asterisks indicate an opportunity to stand.