

## *Giving Options*

1) Place cash or check in the offering plate.

2) Text the amount you want to give to: 781-381-4488

Text "20 plate" to 781-381-4488 to give \$20, "5 plate" to give \$5, etc.

Text "[amount] pledge" to give towards your 2023-24 pledge (e.g. "100 pledge").

Text "[amount] project" to donate to UUCM's Sponsor-a-Project program.

*Note: The first time you use text-to-give, you will receive a text message with a link that you will need to click, to enter your payment information.*

3) Go to [www.uumarblehead.org/giving](http://www.uumarblehead.org/giving) to donate on the web.

*If giving via the website, please make sure you pick the fund you intend to give to (plate, pledge, or sponsor-a-project).*

## *Masks & Covid-19*

Our Sun. service and programs are mask-optional. We reserve 3 labeled mask-only pews in the back of the sanctuary if you'd prefer to sit around others wearing masks. Masks are available at the back of the sanctuary.

## *Visitors*

We are so glad you are here this morning! Please join us for coffee hour in the Holyoke Room and patio after the service. If you are interested in membership and/or joining our mailing list in order to receive our monthly newsletter and weekly calendar updates, please call the office (781)-631-1215 or email us ([office@uumarblehead.org](mailto:office@uumarblehead.org)) to let us know.

# *Welcome*



# *to UUCM*

*We are so glad you are here!*

*"Tolkien, Anxiety, and Janus"*

*5 January 2025*

Order of Service

**Meditative Moment**

**Prelude** "Les pifferari" by Charles Gounod Karen Gahagan, *piano*

**Invocation** "First Comes the Waiting" by Rev. Erika Hewitt

**Chalice Lighting** "A Flame to Light Our Path" by Debra Burrill

**Chalice Lighting Response**

We light this chalice for the challenge of freedom,  
the goal of equality and the warmth of community.  
May all who gather here offer and find the blessings  
of acceptance, loving-kindness and a grateful heart.

**Hymn\*** "We Are..." #1051

**Wonder Box** *John Newhall*

**Hymn** "Spirit of Life" by Carolyn McDade #123

**Heart Ritual**

**Musical Meditation** "In the Bleak Midwinter," arr. Dennis Alexander

**Reading** "It Matters" by Robert Walsh

**Anthem** "A Blessing" by Jay Althouse *UUCM Choir*

**Morning Message** "Tolkien, Anxiety, and Janus" *John Newhall*

**Musical Moment**

**Offertory** "A Rose Is Gently Blooming" by Johannes Brahms

**Unison Affirmation**

Love is the doctrine of this church.  
The quest for truth is its sacrament and service is its prayer  
This is our great covenant: To dwell together in peace;  
to seek the truth in love. And to help one another -  
To the end that all souls shall grow in harmony with the divine.  
(adapted from L. Griswold Williams)

**People's Prayer** "In This New Year" by Kate Lore

**Setting Intentions**

**Hymn\*** "Morning Has Come" #1000

**Chalice Extinguishing**

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.

**Postlude** "Two Romanian Carols" by Bela Bartok

\*Please rise in body or spirit and join in singing. Large print hymnals are available near the entry.