



Lakeshore Unitarian

December 15, 2024

GATHERING MUSIC

Enter Rejoice and Come In, Venez entrez dans la joie (2x)

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING WORDS

Surrender to This Life by Gretchen Haly

CHALICE LIGHTING

A True Story by Li Kynvi

CANDLE OF JOYS & SORROWS

From the "Book of Life" and our Zoom Chat

OPENING HYMN

Hymn #347: Gather the Spirit

AFFIRMATION

This we promise...

OFFERTORY

*From you I receive, De toi je reçois..."
Recorder Trio Performance*

MUSICAL REFLECTION

MEDITATION

Meditation on Courage and Vulnerability by Douglas Taylor

HYMN

Hymn #1028: The Fire of Commitment

PRESENTATION

*My Journey with Triple Negative Cancer and Why I Turned
My Diagnosis into a One Woman Show*

CLOSING HYMN

Hymn #298: Wake, Now, My Senses

CLOSING WORDS

To Do Is to Be Anonymous

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

It Becomes More by Amy Zucker Morgenstern

POSTLUDE

*Go Now in Peace, Allons en paix...
Recorder Trio Performance*

Join us for coffee & conversation in the reception hall

Service Leader – Irene Hausknost Technician – Oddbjorn Taraldsvik

Musicians – Kerry-Anne Kutz, Dori Abbott, Irene Hausknost, Sari Kelen

Online Greeter – Gabor Matyas

Greeters – Usha Thorne, Nancy Schmidt Refreshments – Sheila Laursen

Gathering Music

Enter, rejoice and come in
Enter, rejoice and come in
Today will be a joyful day
Enter, rejoice and come in.

Venez entrer dans la joie
Venez entrer dans la joie
Ce sera une journée joyeuse
Venez entrer dans la joie.

Opening Hymn #347 Gather the Spirit

Gather the spirit, harvest the power.
Our separate fires will kindle one flame.
Witness the mystery of this hour.
Our trials in this light appear all the same

Gather in peace, gather in thanks.
Gather in sympathy now and then.
Gather in hope, compassion and strength.
Gather to celebrate once again.

Gather the spirit of heart and mind.
Seeds for the sowing are laid in store.
Nurtured in love and conscience refined,
With body and spirit united once more.

Gather in peace, gather in thanks.
Gather in sympathy now and then.
Gather in hope, compassion and strength.
Gather to celebrate once again.

Gather the spirit growing in all,
Drawn by the moon and fed by the sun.
Winter to spring, and summer to fall,
The chorus of life resounding as one.

Gather in peace, gather in thanks.
Gather in sympathy now and then.
Gather in hope, compassion and strength.
Gather to celebrate once again.

Affirmation

This we promise one to another
We shall seek our truth with love
We shall celebrate our lives together
With all our joys and sorrows
Thus may we enjoy the blessings of love among us

Offertory

From you, I receive	De toi je reçois
To you, I give	À toi je donne
Together we share	Ensemble on partage
And by this we live	Une offrande de vie

Hymn # 1028 The Fire of Commitment

From the light of days remembered burns a beacon bright and clear
Guiding hands and hearts and spirits into faith set free from fear
When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul ablaze
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.

From the stories of our living rings a song both brave and free
Calling pilgrims still to witness to the life of liberty
When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul ablaze
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.

From the dreams of youthful vision comes a new, prophetic voice
Which demands a deeper justice built by our courageous choice
When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul ablaze
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.

Closing Hymn # 298

Wake Now, My Senses

Wake, now, my senses,
and hear the earth call;
feel the deep power
of being in all,
keep, with the web
of creation your vow,
giving, receiving
as love shows us how.

Wake, now, my reason,
reach out to the new;
join with each pilgrim
who quests for the true;
honour the beauty
and wisdom of time,
suffer thy limit,
and praise the sublime.

Wake, now, compassion,
give heed to the cry;
voices of suffering
fill the wide sky;
take as your neighbour
both stranger and friend,
praying and striving
their hardship to end.

Wake, now, my conscience,
with justice thy guide;
join with all people
whose rights are denied;
take not for granted
a privileged place;
God's love embraces
the whole human race.

Wake, now, my vision
of ministry clear;
brighten my pathway
with radiance here;
mingle my calling
with all who will share,
work towards a planet
transformed by our care.

Postlude

Go now in peace

Go now in peace

May the joy of love surround you

Everywhere, everywhere you
may go

Allons en paix

Allons en paix

Que nos jours soient remplis de bonheur

Et de joie, et d'amour, pour toujours

Lakeshore Unitarian Announcements			
1.	Bread and Beyond sandwich-making session at LUUC!	Join with others to make sandwiches for those in need. All ages welcome!	Held after LUUC's December 15 Sunday Service coffeetime.
2.	NEW! Chess for kids/teens (parents welcome too), January 12, 10:00-noon at LUUC	Free chess lessons from professional instructor and chess coach Steve Rosenstein, who has coached 3 national champions! Students can bring their own chess set or use LUUC's sets.	This will be held every month (on the second Sunday of the month) - a special extra Spiritual Exploration activity, in addition to our regular classes. No signup; just come and have fun!
3.	Our Spiritual Exploration December theme is HOLIDAYS.	All children and youth are welcome at 10:30 am every Sunday for this free program. CLICK HERE for the SE webpage.	We invite SE kids to bring their Holiday traditions to this Sunday's session. Principle 8: We work to build a loving community that treats everyone fairly, regardless of their skin color or group
4.	Gary Spiller is the Care Person for November/ December	Please contact Gary if you are struggling and need some support or are concerned about a LUUCer or friend.	You can reach Gary at 514-697-6257 or gary_spiller@yahoo.com
5.	Tackling Hunger; Donate Non-Perishable Food	Sunday mornings at LUUC, you can donate to West Island Mission	What to bring?: cereal, peanut butter, pasta sauce, juices, canned goods, rice, peanut butter, etc. Thank you!
Community Announcements			
6.	Unitarian Church of Montreal's Christmas Eve Candlelight Service In person and on Zoom	Hear the classic carols and read the Christmas Gospel, all with an open UU spirit that is welcoming to everyone looking to rejoice in the beauty of holiday light.	Tuesday, December 24, 5:30 p.m. ZOOM Info: https://bit.ly/zoom_ucmtlsunday Meeting ID: 944 4691 0056 Passcode: 638724 <u>By phone / Par téléphone : 438 809 7799 or / ou 855 703 8985 Toll-free / Sans frais</u>