



# Lakeshore Unitarian

December 21, 2025



## GATHERING MUSIC

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

## WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, INDIGENOUS RECOGNITION OF NATIVE LANDS

## OPENING HYMN

*The Huron Carol - by Jean de Brébeuf*

## OPENING WORDS

*A Christmas Greeting - by Rev. Richard S. Gilbert*

## CHALICE LIGHTING

*The Holy Dwells in Each of Us - by Renee Ruchotzke (adapted)*

## CANDLE OF JOYS & SORROWS

*From the "Book of Life" and our Zoom Chat*

## HYMN

*I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day - by Henry Wadsworth  
Longfellow*

## AFFIRMATION

*This we promise...*

## OFFERTORY

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

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

*Who Would Imagine a King?  
Composed by M. Warren and H. Hill  
Performed by Julia Howarth and Kerry-Anne Kutz*

## MEDITATION

*The Nourishing Dark - by Rev. Richard S. Gilbert*

## HYMN

*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

## PRESENTATION (1)

*"Thoughts on Christmas" - Sheila Laursen & Paul Sullivan*

## HYMN

*Deck the Halls \ Farandole*

## PRESENTATION (2)

*"Thoughts on Christmas" - Sheila Laursen & Paul Sullivan*

## HYMN

*Joy to the World*

## PRESENTATION (3)

*"Thoughts on Christmas" - Sheila Laursen & Paul Sullivan*

## HYMN

*Deck the Halls \ Farandole*

## CLOSING HYMN

*Silent Night, Sainte Nuit*

## CLOSING WORDS & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

*Christmas Eve Benediction - by Maureen Killoran*

## MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

*Love Is Christmas - by Sara Bareilles  
Performed by Kerry-Anne Kutz*

## POSTLUDE

*Go Now in Peace, Allons en paix...*



***Join us for coffee & conversation in the reception hall***



***With Thanks***

***Service Leader***

***Sheila Laursen & Paul Sullivan***

***Technician***

***Oddbjorn Taraldsvik***

***Musicians***

***Kerry-Anne Kutz, Michael Cartile***

***Online Greeter***

***Gabor Matyas***

***Greeters***

***Usha Thorne & Sara Maclean Kreps***

***Refreshments***

***Nancy Schmidt***

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***Please refer to the accompanying hymn booklet for the lyrics used in this service.***



## **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.*

## **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*

*Nous nous promettons ceci, les uns aux  
autres:  
Nous chercherons notre vérité avec  
amour.  
Nous célébrerons nos vies ensemble,  
Avec toutes nos joies et nos peines.  
Ainsi, puissions-nous savourer les  
bénédictiones de l'amour entre nous.*

## **Offertory**

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

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## **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.	<b>The Unitarian Church of Montreal (UCM) invites you to a special Christmas Eve Service!</b>	On Dec. 24, <u>at the downtown church</u> , carols will be sung at 5 p.m. and a beautiful service will start at 5:30 p.m. Kerry-Anne Kutz and Michael Cartile will bring their talents to the event!  <b><u>Enjoy this special video invitation from UCM's Rev. Ian White Maher:</u></b> <a href="https://youtu.be/qndfCHFOyk8">https://youtu.be/qndfCHFOyk8</a>	<b>5035 boul de Maisonneuve O. Montréal, QC H4A 1Y5, Canada</b>
2.	<b>Lakeshore Community Choir</b>  <b>Benefits: proper posture, effective breathing; produce good tone and beautiful harmonies.</b>	This wonderful choir sings in a Holiday and a Spring concert, performs at a Remembrance Day ceremony and for a vigil commemorating the women of the Polytechnique tragedy.  Members are often invited to sing, after practices, for <b>LUUC 10:30 a.m. services</b> , but <u>participation in services is optional</u> .	<b>Rehearsal time: 9:00 - 10:25 a.m. in LUUC hall</b>  <b>For information or to join:</b> <a href="mailto:lakeshoreluuc@gmail.com">lakeshoreluuc@gmail.com</a>  <b>No previous experience necessary, and members don't need to know how to read music. Tell your friends!</b>
3.	<b>Chess</b> for kids/teens (parents welcome too),	<b>Free chess lessons</b> 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.	<b>Chess</b> meets every <u>third Sunday</u> of the month, from <b>10 a.m. to noon at LUUC</b> . It's a wonderful Spiritual Exploration activity — no signup required, just drop in and have fun!  For more information, contact Gary Spiller at <a href="mailto:gary_spiller@yahoo.com">gary_spiller@yahoo.com</a>
4.	<b>Bread and Beyond</b> sandwich-making session is back!	Join with others to make sandwiches for those in need. All ages welcome!	<b>Bread and Beyond</b> is held <u>every third</u> Sunday of the month around noon. For a chance to take part and give back, please contact Gary Spiller at <a href="mailto:gary_spiller@yahoo.com">gary_spiller@yahoo.com</a>
5.	<b>Yoga with Usha and Milda</b>	Every Saturday at 4 p.m. in the loft at Lakeshore Unitarian.	<b>\$10</b> per class. Please contact: <a href="mailto:sanskritsoccermom@gmail.com">sanskritsoccermom@gmail.com</a>
6.	<b>Kathy Matyas is the Care Person</b> for November and December.		You can reach Kathy at 450-458-5045, <a href="mailto:matyas@videotron.ca">matyas@videotron.ca</a>



## Community Announcements

7.	<b>Iranian Refugee Sheltering in Türkiye: Call for Support</b>	<p>Among the on-going sponsorships being supported by the Unitarian Church of Montréal, there is that of Kati (pseudonym), an Iranian woman belonging to the LGBTQ community. She currently lives in a small town in Western Türkiye and a few weeks ago, ill health deprived her the ability to pay her rent and support herself.</p> <p>She has already received her Sélection Québec and we are asking Ottawa through our local MP's office to try to expedite her approval there for humanitarian reasons.</p>	<p>Since early November, I have been wiring her bank account \$800 each month, by Western Union. We are looking for kind-hearted people who have the means to send a regular modest monthly donation through 2026 by Interac to my email address to help me meet each month's goal.</p> <p>Don't hesitate to write or phone me with questions.at 514-634-5916.</p> <p>Christopher Thomson, 514-634-5916, cthompson683@gmail.com</p>
8.	<b>Rob Lutes: Online Course AND January Show!</b>	<p><b>Online Course: History of American (and Canadian) Popular Music</b></p> <p>Starting Jan. 7: Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. over 10 weeks and covers the major movements in popular music in America (and Canada) from the 1700s to the mid-20th century.</p> <p>Cost: \$100! Makes a great gift.</p>	<p><b>Upcoming Show!:</b></p> <p><b>Jan. 15</b>, Theatre de la Ville in Longueuil with Rob MacDonald. .</p> <p>All tickets can be purchased through <a href="http://www.roblutes.com">www.roblutes.com</a></p>
9.	<b>Corbeille de Pain is offering Winter Baskets that support local farmers and the community.</b>	<p><b>The deadline</b> to order Winter Baskets from Corbeille de Pain is <b><u>December 18th 2025.</u></b></p> <p><b>NEW: Free delivery to your home (anywhere in the West Island)!</b></p> <p>This new initiative consists of baskets that are filled with wonderful fresh and local vegetables, and come in two different sizes. By paying a small extra fee of \$8 per basket (which is already included in the price), you are helping to subsidize these baskets for fellow West Islanders who are facing food insecurity. In addition, since this "extra" is also considered to be a donation, you will receive a tax receipt!</p>	<p>Visit <a href="http://www.corbeilledepain.com/winter-baskets">www.corbeilledepain.com/winter-baskets</a> for more information and/or to order.</p>