

January 18, 2026

GATHERING MUSIC

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

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, INDIGENOUS RECOGNITION OF NATIVE LANDS

OPENING WORDS

"Weavers of One Story" by Leah Ongiri

CHALICE LIGHTING

"Alive in All Creation"

*Spark of the spirit
cupped in earth's embrace,
Light of love
alive in all creation.*

*As we kindle this flame,
we rekindle our connection
to the sacred web of life.*

By Shari Woodbury

CANDLE OF JOYS & SORROWS

From the "Book of Life" and our Zoom Chat

OPENING HYMN

Hymn #360: Here We Have Gathered

AFFIRMATION

This we promise...

OFFERTORY

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

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Performed by Rob Lutes

MEDITATION

HYMN

Hymn #347: Gather The Spirit

PRESENTATION

"The Joys and Challenges of Being a Teacher Today" – Robert Green

CLOSING HYMN

Hymn # 346: Come Sing a Song with Me

CLOSING WORDS

Take Courage, Friends

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

Be Ye Lamps unto Yourselves

POSTLUDE

Go Now in Peace, Allons en paix...

Join us for coffee & conversation in the reception hall

With Thanks

Service Leader

Sari Kelen

Technician

Oddbjorn Taraldsvik

Musicians

Rob Lutes

Online Greeter

Dori Abbott

Greeters

Nancy Schmidt, Chris Bassett

Refreshments

Gary Spiller

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

No.360 *Here We Have Gathered*

Words & Music: Alicia S. Carpenter

*Here we have gathered, gathered side by side,
circle of kinship, come and step inside!
May all who seek here find a kindly word,
may all who speak here feel they have been
heard.
Sing now together this, our heart's own song.*

*Here we have gathered, called to celebrate
days of our lifetimes, matters small and great:
we of all ages, women, children, men,
infants and sages, sharing what we can.
Sing now together this, our hearts' own song.*

*Life has its battles, sorrows, and regret,
but in the shadows, let us not forget:
we who now gather know each other's pain,
kindness can heal us: as we give, we gain.
Sing now in friendship this, our hearts' own
song.*

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 bénédictions 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*

Hymn

No. 347 *Gather the Spirit*

Words & Music: Jim Scott

*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.*

Closing Hymn

No. 346 Come Sing a Song with Me

Words & Music: Carolyn MacDade

*Come, sing a song with me,
come, sing a song with me,
come, sing a song with me,
that I might know your mind.*

*And I'll bring you hope
when hope is hard to find,
and I'll bring a song of love
and a rose in the winter time.*

*Come, dream a dream with me,
come, dream a dream with me,
come, dream a dream with me,
that I might know your mind.*

*And I'll bring you hope
when hope is hard to find,
and I'll bring a song of love
and a rose in the winter time.*

*Come, walk in rain with me,
come, walk in rain with me,
come, walk in rain with me,
that I might know your mind.*

*And I'll bring you hope
when hope is hard to find,
and I'll bring a song of love
and a rose in the winter time.*

*Come share a rose with me,
come share a rose with me,
come share a rose with me,
that I might know your mind.*

*And I'll bring you hope
when hope is hard to find,
and I'll bring a song of love
and a rose in the winter time.*

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.	<p>Join us to celebrate LUUC's beloved Minister Emeritus, Fred Cappuccino on his 100th Birthday at our January 25 Sunday Café! Superb clarinetists Antonin Cuerrier and Victor Albert will perform.</p>	<p>Fred and Bonnie Cappuccino will honour us with a special birthday visit. Marvelous clarinetists Antonin Cuerrier and Victor Albert show the versatility of the clarinet through works from Johann Sebastian Bach to traditional pieces from Eastern Europe and South America. A morning to remember!</p>	<p>10:30 a.m., Sunday, January 25, in LUUC Hall Enjoy ice cream and birthday cake plus our usual delicious warm croissants, jam and coffee. Freewill donation. Bring your family and friends! LET'S PACK THE HALL!</p>
2.	<p>Lakeshore Community Choir Benefits: proper posture, effective breathing; produce good tone and beautiful harmonies.</p>	<p>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 LUUC 10:30 a.m. services, but <u>participation in services is optional</u>.</p>	<p>Rehearsal time: 8:45 - 10:25 a.m. in LUUC hall For information: lakeshoreluuc@gmail.com No previous experience necessary, and members don't need to know how to read music. Tell your friends!</p>
3.	<p>Chess for kids/teens (parents welcome too),</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Chess meets every <u>third Sunday</u> of the month, from 10 a.m. to noon at LUUC. It's a wonderful Spiritual Exploration activity — no signup required, just drop in and have fun! For more information, contact Gary Spiller at gary_spiller@yahoo.com</p>
4.	<p>Bread and Beyond sandwich-making session is back!</p>	<p>Join with others to make sandwiches for those in need. All ages welcome!</p>	<p>Bread and Beyond 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 gary_spiller@yahoo.com</p>
5.	<p>Yoga with Usha and Milda</p>	<p>Yoga will be held up to, and including, January 24, 2026, on Saturdays at 4 p.m. in the loft at Lakeshore Unitarian. To resume in the spring.</p>	<p>\$10 per class. Please contact: sanskritsoccermom@gmail.com</p>
6.	<p>Constance Belanger is the Care Person for January and February</p>		<p>You can reach Constance at 438-396-6694 constancebelan@gmail.com</p>
7.	<p>Tackling Hunger; Donate Non-Perishable Food</p>	<p>Sunday mornings at LUUC, you can donate to West Island Mission</p>	<p>What to bring?: cereal, peanut butter, pasta sauce, juices, canned goods, rice, peanut butter, etc. Thank you!</p>