

Welcome to



**COMMUNITY  
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST  
CONGREGATION**  
AT WHITE PLAINS, NY



*Nurture Spirituality · Foster Compassion · Engage in Service*

## **“Why Choose Hope”**

**Sunday, December 7, 2025**

REV. DANIELLE LINDSTROM, MINISTER | TRACY BRENEMAN, RELIGIOUS EDUCATOR

ADAM KENT, MUSIC DIRECTOR | LISA MEYERS, CHOIR DIRECTOR

AL ROCCHI & KAREN LEAHY, WORSHIP ASSOCIATES | THE CUUC CHOIR

KIM KILBY, HYMN LEADER

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# ORDER OF SERVICE

DECEMBER 7, 2025

Gathering Music Adam Kent, piano  
Variations on "Ah, vous dirai-je, maman" ), K. 265  
~Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

**GATHERING HYMN #346 Come Sing a Song with Me**

WELCOME Al Rocchi

**CHALICE LIGHTING** Rev. Danielle Lindstrom  
We gather to find new ways of loving;  
new ways of thinking, new ways of being.  
We gather— Yes, always we gather,  
for it is in gathering that we find our hope. ~Pat Uribe-Lichty

**HYMN #226 People Look East**

WISDOM STORY Little Mole Finds Hope ~Glenys Nellist Tracy Breneman

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION Nashville Children's Blessing Adam  
RECESSIONAL ~First UU Nashville Youth Choir

OFFERING Al  
Jacy Good

OFFERTORY When You Wish Upon a Star Adam  
~Leigh Harline and Ned Washington

TIME OF PRAYER & MEDITATION

PRAYER IN WORDS Rev. Danielle  
IN QUIET  
IN MUSIC "Durme, Durme" Sephardic Folk Song The CUUC Choir  
~Audrey Snyder Directed by Lisa N. Meyer  
Accompanied by Georgianna Pappas

REFLECTION

Karen Leahy

SERMON

Rev. Danielle

HYMN

**#108 My Life Flows On in Endless Song**

CLOSING

Karen

**CHALICE EXTINGUISHING**

Al

As we extinguish this chalice flame,  
may the warmth of its light remain within us,  
guiding our steps and our hearts.  
Let us carry forward the strength of this community,  
the courage to speak truth,  
and the hope that transformation is possible.  
In each breath we take,  
may we remember that the work of love,  
justice, and healing is ours to continue  
both here and beyond these walls.  
Go in peace, with the light of this  
gathering to illuminate your way.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Danielle

PARTING MUSIC

Lighting Up the Christmas Tree  
~Franz Liszt

Adam

*Thank you for being with us this morning!  
When you leave today, please return your name tag to the rotating stand.*

Share-the-Plate for December: **Coachman Family Center**  
Visit [cuucwp.org/newsletter](http://cuucwp.org/newsletter) for the e-Communitarian & RE newsletters  
Use the QR Code to donate your support to CUUC, or visit [bit.ly/CUUC-Donation](http://bit.ly/CUUC-Donation)



## SUN DEC 7 AT CUUC

8:45am **Choir Warm-Up** (Sanctuary)

9:30am **Centering for Leaders** (Fellowship Hall)

9:30am **Childcare** (Room 32)

10am **Religious Exploration: K-12th Grade Classes & Youth Group** (Rooms 11,13,14,21,41)

10am **Sunday Worship** (Sanctuary & Livestream: [bit.ly/CUUC-Worship](http://bit.ly/CUUC-Worship))

11:30am **Winter Potluck Brunch** (Fellowship Hall)

11:45am **In the Spirit of Truth** (Room 41 & Online: [bit.ly/CUUC-Zoom-2210](http://bit.ly/CUUC-Zoom-2210))

12:30pm **Music at CUUC: Winter Concert** (Sanctuary & Livestream)

### THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon Dec 8 - 9am - 10am Prime Time Dance Exercise Group (CUUC & Online: [bit.ly/CUUC-Zoom-7899](http://bit.ly/CUUC-Zoom-7899)); 10am Meals for HOPE (Kitchen)

Tue Dec 9 - 10am Sandwiches for HOPE (Kitchen); 4pm Meals for Hope – Volunteers Needed (Off-Site); 7pm Partners in Covenant Meeting (Online); 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Wed Dec 10 - 12pm Membership Engagement Team Meeting ([bit.ly/CUUC-Zoom-3131](http://bit.ly/CUUC-Zoom-3131)); 4pm Journey Group: J. Majsak (Online: [bit.ly/CUUC-Zoom-7899](http://bit.ly/CUUC-Zoom-7899)); 6:30pm Worship Associate Team Planning (Online: [bit.ly/CUUC-Zoom-3131](http://bit.ly/CUUC-Zoom-3131)); 7:30pm Board of Trustees (Online: [bit.ly/CUUC-Zoom-7899](http://bit.ly/CUUC-Zoom-7899))

Thu Dec 11 - 11:30am Science & Spirituality (Room 41 & Online: [bit.ly/CUUC-Zoom-7899](http://bit.ly/CUUC-Zoom-7899)); 7pm New Leaf Book Club (Room 41); 7:30pm Group: Parents/Caregivers of Young Adults (Zoom 8428); 7:30pm Journey Group: C. McNally (Fellowship Hall & Online: [bit.ly/CUUC-Zoom-7899](http://bit.ly/CUUC-Zoom-7899))

Fri Dec 12 - 9am Prime Time Dance Exercise Group (CUUC & Online: [bit.ly/CUUC-Zoom-7899](http://bit.ly/CUUC-Zoom-7899)); 6:30pm CUUC Open Mic Night (Fellowship Hall); 7pm Books with Barbara (Online: [bit.ly/CUUC-Zoom-3131](http://bit.ly/CUUC-Zoom-3131))

Sat Dec 13 - 11am Celebration of Life, Ted Kuczinski (Sanctuary)

Sanctuary Wi-Fi Network: CUUC\_Public | Pwd: cuucwp468

## Lyrics

### **#346, Come Sing a Song with Me**

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

(Chorus) 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 wintertime.

Come, dream a dream with me, come, dream a dream with me, come, dream a dream with me that I might know your mind. (Chorus)

Come, walk in rain with me, come, walk in rain with me, come, walk in rain with me, that I might know your mind. (Chorus)

Come, share a rose with me, come, share a rose with me, come, share a rose with me, that I might know your mind. (Chorus)

### **#226, People Look East**

People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look east and sing today: Love the Guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there.  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course and flower may flourish.

People, look east and sing today: Love, the Rose, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim,  
shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.

People, look east and sing today: Love, the Star, is on the way.

### **#108, My Life Flows On in Endless Song (verse 1 & 2)**

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.

I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing.

It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing!

What though the tempest 'round me roars, I know the truth, it liveth.  
What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth.

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.  
Since love prevails in heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing!