

**Today is December 15, 2019**

For additional details on all events, refer to the newsletter at [www.dentonuuf.org](http://www.dentonuuf.org) or posted in the Fellowship Hall.

For information on youth groups, adult groups, and classes, along with a complete calendar for the month, please pick up a calendar pamphlet from the welcome area.

#### Today

- Coffee Hour - After each service in the Fellowship Hall
- Lunch Bunch - 12:52 pm at Mr. Chopsticks, 1633 Scripture
- All are welcome. Let Sharon or Bill Barnhill know if they can count you in.
- Spectrum Youth Group - 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

#### This Week

- The Monday Group - Monday, 12/16, 7:00 pm
- Board of Trustees meeting - Tuesday, 12/17, 7:00 pm
- Lectio Divina/Reflection Group - Wednesday, 12/18, 9:30 am - 10:30 am
- Queer and Trans Inclusive (QTI) Yoga - Saturday, 12/21, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
- CUUPS: Yule: Sólárblót - Saturday, December 21, 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

#### Upcoming Services

- Sunday, 12/22, one service only at 10:00 am
- Tuesday, 12/24 at 4:30 pm - Christmas Eve family service
- Tuesday, 12/24 at 6:00 pm - Christmas Eve candlelight service
- Sunday, 12/29, one service only at 10:00 am
- Sunday, 1/5 - Remembrance Sunday

#### Inquirers Series Upcoming sessions:

- Inquirers will return in January.

January 5 will be our annual **Remembrance Sunday** when we honor those who have passed on during 2019. If you have names of family or friends you would like included in the Order of Service insert, please submit them at <https://tinyurl.com/DUUFRemembrance2020> (or via QR code) or email their names along with your name & your relationship to them, to [dentonuuf@gmail.com](mailto:dentonuuf@gmail.com) by Thursday, January 2..



#### Common Read Book Group - Sundays 2/2, 2/9, & 2/16, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

DUUF is participating in the UUA Common Read this year, using An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States. For more information and to register, visit <https://duufcommonread.eventbrite.com>. or email [bookgroup@dentonuuf.org](mailto:bookgroup@dentonuuf.org). This event is free and open to the community. All adults and youth who are interested are welcome.



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## *The Winter Solstice and the Religious Instinct*

December 15, 2019

Denton Unitarian Universalist Fellowship  
was organized in 1949 and became a certified  
*Welcoming Congregation* in 2002.

*We are a loving, diverse, open fellowship that inspires spiritual  
growth, encourages ethical actions, seeks truth and has a  
deep commitment to improving the community and the world  
by our actions.*

# Order of Service

\*Please rise as you are able.

Please silence all cell phones.

The seats in the area of the piano have been designated "Fragrance-free" for the benefit of those with allergies or sensitivities.

## MUSIC TO GATHER

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** Jeff Bradford  
DUUF Settled Minister Search Team

## RINGING OF THE BELL

**PRELUDE** "O Tannenbaum"

**CALL TO WORSHIP** "Come We Now Out of the Darkness"  
by Rev. Annie Foerster

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE** Love

**\*OPENING HYMN** #55 "Dark of Winter"

**LIGHTING THE CHALICE** excerpt from "Lines Composed a Few  
Miles above Tintern Abbey" by William Wordsworth (1798)

**MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES** "The Shortest Day" by Susan Cooper

## LIGHTING THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CHALICE:

This is our chalice of love and of light.  
Uniting UUs by day and by night.

## SINGING THE CHILDREN ON THEIR WAY:

May your mind be open to new learning.  
May your lips bring truth into the world.  
May your heart know love and your hands do the work of justice,  
As you go your way in peace.

## PRAYER/MEDITATION

"An Elegy For the Sun at the Winter Solstice"

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

**MUSICAL REFLECTION** "Natal de Elvas"

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

(Now is the time to share your joys and concerns with the rest of the congregation. If you have one you would like to share, please

raise your hand.)

**READING** excerpt from *The Wakeful World: Animism, Mind and the Self in Nature* by Emma Restall Orr

## SHARING OF RESPONSIBILITY - OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** "Hymne"

**RESPONSE:** From you I receive, to you I give. Together we share, and by this we live.

**REFLECTION** The Winter Solstice and the Religious Instinct -  
John Beckett

**\*CLOSING HYMN** #324 "Where My Free Spirit Onward Leads"

**\*EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE: #456, Elizabeth Selle Jones**  
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.

## \*BENEDICTION

**\*TURN AND GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR, PLEASE GO IN PEACE**

## POSTLUDE

Please join us after the service for coffee hour in Fellowship Hall. If you attend the full service, try out a coloring book (especially for teens and adults) near the name tag area of the sanctuary.

After the Message for All Ages children in Pre-K through 5th grade are invited to participate in classes. Please ask an usher for information about our nursery for infants and young children. Youth in 6th grade and up are invited to stay in the sanctuary for the duration of Sunday morning worship services.

**THANK YOU** to our musician: Robert Brown

**THANK YOU** to our song leader: Júlia Coelho

**THANK YOU** to our worship associate: John Beckett & CUUPS

**THANK YOU** to our greeters, ushers (Annette & Chixo Gibbs, Heather Rasch, Tam Terrones), chalice lighters and board members who also share their energy and love this morning.