

“We must accept finite disappointment,  
but never lose infinite hope.”

—Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

**Welcome Song** “Whoever You Are” Hal Walker  
Whoever you are, we welcome you  
Wherever you come from, we welcome you  
Whomever you love, we welcome you.

**Welcome** **Betsy Liller**, worship leader

**Prelude** “Ribbon in the Sky” by Stevie Wonder; **Randall Kidder**, pianist

**Chalice Lighting** Macrina Wiederkehr

**Special Music** “A Yuletide Greeting,” words & music: Victor C. Johnson;  
performed by the **FUUSM choir**, under the direction of **Martha Webster**

**Time for All Ages** *Hope is a Rainbow* by Hoda Kotb;  
illustrated by Chloe Dominique

**Sending Song** “Go Now in Peace” Natalie Sleeth, words and music  
**Go now in peace. Go now in peace.**  
**May the spirit of love surround you**  
**Everywhere, everywhere, you may go.**

**Collection of Offerings**  
**Offertory** “I’ll Be Home for Christmas” by Walter Kent

**Introduction to the Ribbon Ceremony**  
**Holiday Struggles and Finding Hope**

## Pair and Share

- What is most challenging to you during the holiday season?
- What do you cherish about the holiday season?
- What nurtures your hope?

Take a minute to gather your thoughts and then find a partner. When the gong sounds, take two minutes to share with your partner. When the gong sounds again, switch roles. You will then be invited up to share.

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

## \*Closing Hymn #349 “We Gather Together”

in *Singing the Living Tradition*

words: Dorothy Caiger Senghas and Robert E. Senghas;  
music: Adrian Valerius’s *Nederlandtsch Gedenckclanck*

## Announcements

**Postlude** “Winter Wonderland” by Felix Bernard  
Facebook Live ends

**Joys and Sorrows** (Zoom participants are invited to share, too.)

**Extinguishing the Chalice** Emily Dickinson

\*\*\* **Welcome! We’re glad you’re here!** \*\*\*

Thanks to: our childcare staff, **Owen Cejka** and **Lela Erb**; our tech crew, **Mike Bailey**, **Ralph Olander**, and intern **Griffin Jeffery**; our Design & Decoration team, **Martha McGovern** and **Stephanie Thomas**; today’s collection counter, **Ellen Bond**; today’s Coffee Hour volunteers, **George Banziger**, and **Scott Lacey**; today’s host, **Darryl Ting**, and greeter, **Norla Arnold**; the **FUUSM Choir** and its director, **Martha Webster**; and today’s worship leader, **Betsy Liller**.

If you would like to learn more about membership or participation in FUUSM congregational life, please speak to today’s host, Darryl.

## Announcements

### Today

- 12:15 p.m., **Coffee Hour**, social hall, ends at 1 p.m.

### Tuesday, Dec. 9

- Noon, **UU+ Women's Book Group**, Parkersburg Country Club.
- 3:30–6:30, Girl Scouts in social hall.
- 4:30, private use of RE parlor (Roger Kalter).

### Wednesday, Dec. 10

- 6 p.m., **Women's Group potluck**, The Fields Clubhouse in Williamstown. Martha McGovern & Suzyn Mills will host. Please RSVP to [suzynmills@gmail.com](mailto:suzynmills@gmail.com) by Tuesday, Dec. 9.

### Saturday, Dec. 13

- 10:30, **Tai Chi reunion**, social hall.

### Sunday, Dec. 14: Hanukkah begins at Sunset.

- 9:30 a.m., **Choir practice**, sanctuary.
- 11 a.m., **Sunday service**, sanctuary, Third Sunday of Advent: Peace; *What Is Hanukkah?* Rev. Hilary Krivchenia, guest speaker.
- 11 a.m., MOV Friends, Quaker meeting, RE parlor.
- 12:15 p.m., **Coffee Hour**, social hall, ends at 1 p.m.

**FUUSM Office hours:** Mon., Tu., Th., Fri. 10 a.m.–2 p.m. (740) 373-1238,  
[fuusm.office@gmail.com](mailto:fuusm.office@gmail.com).

### FUUSM Affirmation

*We, the members and friends of the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Marietta:*

- *Support the free and disciplined search for truth as the center of religious community and encourage an acceptance of pluralistic views;*
- *Recognize our Judeo-Christian heritage as well as other traditions and seek lasting values and new insights;*
- *Affirm, defend, and promote the equality, worth, and dignity of every person;*
- *Strive for a world community of love, justice, and peace;*
- *Support the democratic process and mutual respect in all human relationships;*
- *Cherish the universe and its resources and recognize the unity of all life.*

Sunday, December 7, 2025

# Ribbon Ceremony



## First Unitarian Universalist Society of Marietta

232 Third St., Marietta, OH 45750

*Open minds. Loving hearts. Helping hands.*