

Welcome to the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Rockville

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

Sunday, December 22, 2019 ~ 11:15 A.M.

***Spirits of Light: A Winter Pageant***

*Adapted from "December Spirits" written by Richard Kimball,  
and "Would You Like to Hold the Baby" by Joyce Poley*

**\*GATHERING HYMN #235** Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly

**WELCOME**

**Brian Haugen, Board of Trustees**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Rev. Dr. Linda Olson Peebles**

**CHALICE LIGHTING**

**Genevieve & Thane Montgomery**

**\*COVENANT**

*Love is the spirit of this congregation, and service its law.  
This is our great covenant: to dwell together in peace,  
to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.*

**INTRODUCTION & REFLECTION**

**Carla Miller, DRE**

**PAGEANT: Part I**

***Celebrating the Winter Solstice***

**WINTER CHANT**

*Longest Night*

-music: traditional; words and arr.: Jim Scott

**Pageant Choir,  
Congregation**

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**PAGEANT: Part II**

***Celebrating Hanukkah***

**SONG**

*Hanukkah, Oh Hanukkah*  
-traditional; arr. Cristi Cary Miller

**Choir, Congregation,  
Rick Stumpf, clarinet**

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**PRAYER & MEDITATION**  
**Spoken & Silent**

**Rev. Olson Peebles**

*This morning you are invited to come forward to the table of candles near the Chancel.  
Light a candle, and if you wish, you may place your Joys & Concerns card in the  
Prayer Request box so the Ministers and/or Pastoral Care Team may continue  
to hold you in our thoughts and prayers and follow up if requested.*

**MUSICAL MEDITATION**

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*  
-traditional German

**Justin Furnia, piano**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**Rev. Rebekah Savage**

**OFFERTORY**

*Candles of Hanukkah, Candles of Christmas*  
-Betsy Jo Angebrannt

**Pageant Choir**

**PAGEANT: Part III**

***Celebrating Christmas***

**SONG**

*Would You Like to Hold the Baby*  
-music: traditional; words and arr.: Jim Scott

**Pageant Choir,  
Congregation**

**Soloists: Rebecca, Allison, and Xan Julka**

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## PAGEANT CLOSING

## BENEDICTION

Carla Miller

## RECESSIONAL SONG

*Auld Lang Syne*  
-traditional Scottish

*Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind?  
Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and auld lang syne?*

**Chorus:** *For auld lang syne, my dear, for auld lang syne,  
we'll take a cup of kindness yet, for auld lang syne.*

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATORY RECEPTION IN FOUNDERS HALL  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE RECESSIONAL.**

***\*Congregation rises in body or in spirit***

### **Special thanks to everyone who contributed to our worship service this morning.**

Ushers:	Gayle Boyd, Sharon Fitzpatrick, Gerald Hendrickson
Situation Leader:	Sue Hedges
Greeters:	Susan McCall, Viki Betancourt
Readers:	Genevieve and Thane Montgomery
Musicians:	All-ages Pageant Choir, directed by Barbara Weis; Rick Stumpf, clarinet; Justin Furnia, piano
Pageant:	Produced by Barbara Weis; Directed by Laura Kelsey Rhodes; <i>see "Pageant Participants" listed elsewhere in this Order of Service</i>
Sound:	Mike Holmes
Flowers:	Norma Noreikis, and Member Dedications
Hospitality:	Jon Landenburger, April Pulvirenti, Sue Hedges
Worship Steward:	Jim Blue
Worship Leaders:	Rev. Dr. Linda Olson Peebles; Rev. Rebekah Savage, Carla Miller, Director of Religious Education

## **PAGEANT PARTICIPANTS (\*indicates members of the Pageant Choir)**

<i>Narrator</i>	Sarah Harrison*
<i>Spirit of Solstice</i>	Tori Zembrzuski*
<i>Spirit of Hanukkah</i>	Sophia Quiel*
<i>Spirit of Christmas</i>	Piper Young
<i>Spirit of New Year's Eve</i>	Daphne Wheeler
<i>Parent One</i>	Patrick Zimmerman
<i>Parent Two</i>	Elana Zimmerman
<i>Child One</i>	Clara Zimmerman*
<i>Child Two</i>	Evan Zimmerman*
<i>Joseph</i>	Damon Bozzo
<i>Mary</i>	Clara Zimmerman*
<i>Innkeeper</i>	Inder Haugen
<i>Shepherds</i>	Rohan Haugen, Arjun Haugen
<i>Angel One</i>	Linnea Riley
<i>Angel Two</i>	Alice Zimmerman*
<i>Angels / Solstice Celebrants</i>	Avelina Leonard, Rebecca Harrison*, Chloe Quiel*
<i>Sheep</i>	Ethan Rosenfeld, Putnam Strong
<i>Cow</i>	Seda Tavgigian-Grinnell*
<i>Donkey</i>	Evan Zimmerman*
<i>Cat</i>	Rosa Helton
<i>Dalmatian</i>	Rebecca Wheeler

***Thank you to all of the parents and others who volunteered their love and time to make the pageant successful for the entire congregation. We extend a special note of gratitude to Barbara Weis, whose planning, organizing, and leadership have made this pageant possible. Thank you, Barbara!***

We extend a warm **welcome** to all who worship here today. Please join us each Sunday for fellowship and conversation between the morning services. We hope you will take part in **our Middle Hour activities at 10:15 a.m.**, and we hope this community can be a place of meaning, inspiration, celebration, and joy for you and your family.