

ORDER OF SERVICE

"Life is not fair and trouble comes to us without notice. So it is that we love. It makes all the difference." -- bc (20-21st century Unitarian theologian)

PRELUDE *Prelude* from *Suite Bergamasque* -- Claude Debussy

INTROIT *Welcome! Welcome!* -- Traditional Shaker greeting

CHALICE LIGHTING Number 447 (Grace McDonald, chalice lighter)

* HYMN Number 349 (standing) *We Gather Together*

* RESPONSIVE READING Number 490 (standing) *Wild Geese*

* SONG OF EXALTATION (standing) Genevan Psalter, 1551
**All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing ye to God with cheerful voice;
Come serve with mirth, God's praise forth tell.
Join ye together and rejoice. Amen.**

READING *Dayeinue* -- a Jewish song of thanksgiving

* INTERLUDE *Reflets dans l'eau* from *Images* -- C. Debussy

READING from *The Heart of Our Faith* by Galen Guengerich

THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION

MOMENTS OF SILENCE (A time for contemplation and prayer.)

ANTHEM *Something Told the Wild Geese* -- Sherri Porterfield

OFFERTORY *Deux Arabesques, No. 1* -- C. Debussy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN 21 (standing) *For the Beauty of the Earth*

SERMON *Time Out*
The Reverend Burton D. Carley

CHORAL RESPONSE *Gift of Love* -- Hal Hopson

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Christmas is Coming* -- Vince Guaraldi

Large Print or Braille Hymnals, and Assisted Hearing Devices may be requested from the ushers.

Web Site: Check out our web site at www.churchoftheriver.org. You will find relevant information about our church, including a calendar and the weekly newsletter.

To receive the newsletter and/or have a nametag, please visit the welcoming table at the back of the church to sign our guest register.

A Crying Room is available in the Beacon Room (library) of the Channing Wing. You can hear the service while rocking the little one.

The Care Coordinator for November is Alice Fleming at 755-3418.

SUNDAY MORNING GROUPS: The Quest Group meets in the Beacon Room at 9:30 a.m. to ponder "The Bible - Down and Dirty". The Questions of Faith group meets next week at 10 a.m. in the Potter Wing to discuss *The Evolution of God* by Robert Wright. For information contact Carol Straughn at 387-4850. All welcome!

What are you called to do? Four opportunities: (1) Soup Kitchen (Dan Bing at 763-2384); (2) COR meals-on-wheels (Jeane Umbreit at 374-9114); (3) Shady Grove Elementary School (Juliet Wischmeyer at 219-5817); (4) Hospitality Hub (Ellen Klyce at 323-0123).

SERMONS AVAILABLE: CD's for \$5 or on loan from the library. Print copies on the Welcome Table. PODCASTS on the website by Tuesday.

PLEASE COMPLETE A CANVASS CARD AND RETURN IT TO THE CANVASS TEAM TABLE.

Saturday, Dec. 5, is Nifty Gifty Day, 1-4 p.m. RSVP to Cindy at 526-8631 or by email drecsakaan@aol.com.

Sunday, Dec. 6, we will recognize new members and have a special reception afterwards. There will also be a Betsy jewelry trunk show.

The bluff is going green and it needs your help. Please don't walk on the treated grass areas. Thanks!

HOSPITALITY HUB GOODIE BAGS By Wed., Dec. 16th, deliver to 146 Jefferson (9 to 3, M to F) fruit, small packages of snacks, cereal or power bars, socks, gently used or new wallets. Help the homeless have a holiday gift. For information call Beatrice at 522-1808.

Choir Practice in the sanctuary, Tues., Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m.

* Persons arriving late may be seated at these times.