

**Worship Service**  
**“Opening to Joy”**  
**Presented by Commissioned Lay Ministers**

**YouTube Link:**

[https://youtu.be/bAr5kGq\\_ubo](https://youtu.be/bAr5kGq_ubo)

**Zoom Link to UU Binghamton’s 12/26 Service at 10:30 AM:**

<https://zoom.us/j/97989696520?pwd=ZG9NclFYQm9VV0NTb2VhNVM0R00xQT09>

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**Description:**

Several Commissioned Lay Ministers have crafted a service of readings, reflections and songs on how to harvest joy, even in the toughest of times.

**Worship Leaders:**

Caron Carnahan, Ginger Hill UUC, Slippery Rock PA

Jeff Donahue, UU Congregation of Binghamton, NY

Janice Marie Johnson, Community Church of New York

Kathy Kerns, UU Church of Kent, OH

Susan Odessky, UU Fellowship of the Poconos, PA

Barbara Walker, West Shore UU Church, Cleveland, OH

**Order of Service**

Welcome

Prelude “Whoever You Are” Music by Hal Walker, Words by Jefferson Unitarian Church,  
Performed by UU Church of Kent Musicians

Opening Words by Andrew Backus from “Rejoice Together”

Chalice Lighting: "On The Brink" by Leslie Takahashi

Story for All Ages "Joy" by Corinne Averiss & Isabelle Follath, Read by Kevyn Breedon from UU Church of Kent

Musical Interlude "Sing & Rejoice" Performed by Hal Walker

Joys and Sorrows "Winter Prayer" by Rev. Francis Manly, Adapted & Read by Dr. Janice Marie Johnson

Hymn #123 "Spirit of Life" by UU Virtual Singers, Unitarian Church of Los Alamos

Reading "Joy is the Justice We Give Ourselves" by J. Drew Lanham

Hymn #95 "There is More Love Somewhere" Sung by Jess Huetteman

Reflection #1 Susan Odessky

Reflection #2 Kathy Kerns

Reflection #3 Dr. Janice Marie Johnson

Musical Interlude "This Joy" by the Resistance Revival Chorus

Chalice Extinguishing by Elizabeth S. Jones

Benediction "As We Listen to the Blessing of Music" by Maureen Killoran

Postlude "Shine on Me" by Melanie DeMore