

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 17, 2017

## GATHERING

\*Hymn #226 *People, Look East*

Rev. Kellie Walker Hart, Minister of Music; Jill Khaleghi, Collaborative Pianist

\*Hymn #235 *Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly*

Invocation

Rev. Dr. Andy Burnette

Chalice Lighting

Please read in unison:

*We kindle this flame, symbol of our faith, for the light of truth, the warmth of community, and the fire of love which calls us to work for justice.*

Welcome

Melanie Cloonan-Schulte, Worship Associate

## ADVENT RITUAL

Hymn #243 *Jesus, our Brother*

Reading

Advent Candle Lighting

## OWL GRADUATION

Lorraine Doman-Sheydayi

## OFFERING

Offertory Words

Rev. Andy

Offertory Music

Jill

## CENTERING

Reading

Melanie

Hymn combined with the Pastoral Prayer *Veiled in Darkness Judah Lay*

Rev. Andy

Special Music *Candlelight Carol* (by British composer John Rutter) Adult Choir

## THEME

Sermon *Hope in the Flesh: Jesus' Political Significance*

Rev. Andy

## BLESSINGS ON OUR WAY

\*Closing Hymn #1026 *If Every Woman in the World*

Extinguishing the Chalice (our usual words are below, to be read in unison):

*Though we extinguish the chalice, our connection to each other and this community remains. May its light guide us this week as we walk the path of justice, speak words of love, and fill our world with compassion until we meet again.*

Benediction

Rev. Andy

Traveling Music

Jill