December 11, 2022, 10am – Order of Worship		READING by Kristin L. Harper			
GATHERING MUSIC	Dale Churchill, Dir. of Music		ANTHEM Lullaby for a Winter Child Text Judith Evans		
VELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Barbara Freeman		Music Betty Wylder			
RINGING THE CHIMES		SERMON	"Darkness Divine"	Rev. Tara Humphries	
CALL TO WORSHIP by Kristin Grassel-Schmidt		*CLOSING HYMN #55 Dark of Winter			
LIGHTING THE CHALICE & COMMUNITY CANDLE by Francis Koviar		BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE			
LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH JOY!		POSTLUDE Impromptu *Please rise in body and/or in spirit			
*OPENING HYMN #83 Winds Be Still TIME FOR ALL AGES "Hide and Seek with God" by Mary Ann Moore		WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS today include Rev. Tara, Dale Churchill, Barbara Freeman, and the A2U2 Choir. We are grateful for our tech & Zoom team, too, and all those working behind the scenes to make multi platform worship possible!			
RECESSIONAL Carry the flame of peace and love until we meet again!		December's <b>SHARE THE PLATE</b> recipient is the <b>Minister's Discretionary Fund.</b> This is a designated church fund for community members in need of confidential emergency financial aid. You can learn more in our weekly EBlast. If you are in need of financial assistance, please contact Rev. Tara directly.			
JOYS & SORROWS			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
PRAYER Rev. Tara Humphries		LARGE PRINT ORDERS OF SERVICE and ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES are available from our ushers.			
MUSIC interlude		Several of our members have severe <b>ALLERGIES</b> , so we ask folks to refrain from wearing perfumes or scented products when you come to church.			
RESPONSIVE READING by Janet Mor	ley				
OFFERTORY & MUSIC FOR REFLECTION Impromptu		Sunday, December 18th- "Behold!" with Rev. Tara			
		Saturday, Dece	mber 24th @ 5:30pm- A2U2 All Ag	es Christmas Eve Service	

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"Darkness Divine" Third Sunday of Advent

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