



"Letting Go and New Beginnings" by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

UU 3rd Principle: Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations

Order Of Service - December 31st 2023

Prelude: "What Was I Made For" by Billie Eilish,
performed by Renee Deschard

Welcome: Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Chalice Lighting:

We light our chalice on this New Year's Eve made special by our gathering together. We are embraced by the history of our free religious heritage. Let us be mindful of the forces deep within which call us to become more than we are. May this hour bring rest and renewal, comfort and challenge. May we be reminded this morning of our highest aspirations, and inspired to bring our gifts of love and service to the altar of humanity. May we know once again that we are not isolated individuals, but that we are connected – in mystery and in wonder to each other, to this community and to the universe.

Opening Music: #350 "The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time" accompanied by Karleen Tyksinski

Story For All Ages: *The End is Just the Beginning: a Book of Endless Possibilities* by Mike Bender

Children's Recessional: by Joyce Poley

As you go on your way, may you be filled with Gladness.

Go in joy, go in joy!

May fortune bless your day with peace and loving kindness.

Go in love, go in love.

Announcements

Joys/Concerns & Welcoming Guests/Visitors

Silent Meditation

Centering Remarks & Reflection: "Letting Go and New Beginnings" by Rev. Ralph Tyksinski

Offering and Offertory: "Auld Lang Syne"
accompanied by Jason Deschard, lyrics below

Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And the days of auld lang syne?

For auld lang syne, my dear
For auld lang syne
We'll drink a cup of kindness yet
For the sake of auld lang syne

And surely you will buy your cup
And surely I'll buy mine!
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
For the sake of auld lang syne

For auld lang syne, my dear
For auld lang syne
We'll drink a cup of kindness yet
For the sake of auld lang syne

For old acquaintance be forgot
And never brought to mind
Should old acquaintance be forgot
In the days of auld lang syne?

For auld lang syne, my dear
For auld lang syne
We'll drink a cup of kindness yet
For the sake of auld lang syne

Fire Ceremony Outside: families please meet your children in the Foyer

Countdown

Greet Your Neighbor

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4th Quarter Offertory Sharing: The Catalyst Project, a mutually supportive community for up to 3 single moms and their children who have experienced homelessness.

Participants have access to collaborative problem solving, and trauma informed mentoring.

"What Was I Made For" lyrics

I used to float, now I just fall down
I used to know but I'm not sure now
What I was made for
What was I made for?

Takin' a drive, I was an ideal
Looked so alive, turns out I'm not real
Just something you paid for
What was I made for?

'Cause I, I
I don't know how to feel
But I wanna try
I don't know how to feel
But someday, I might
Someday, I might

When did it end? All the enjoyment
I'm sad again, don't tell my boyfriend
It's not what he's made for
What was I made for?

'Cause I, 'cause I
I don't know how to feel
But I wanna try
I don't know how to feel
But someday I might
Someday I might

Think I forgot how to be happy
Something I'm not, but something I can be
Something I wait for
Something I'm made for
Something I'm made for

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Next Sunday Jan 7, 10:00am "Star Trekking Home: Welcoming Ourselves" by Rev. Pamela Rumancik

A place to be yourself. To relax. To know you belong and are welcome. These describe the best kinds of home. As UU's we aspire to make our congregations warm and welcoming, to create a sense of coming home for those entering our doors. But, there's always a catch. What if our own sense of home makes someone else feel left out? Rev. Pam will open a conversation around what we can do personally and as a congregation to widen the circle and make that space of home for all seekers on the journey. Using stories from the Sci-Fi genre – she'll invite us to widen our imaginations and see ourselves and others with new eyes. **Rev. Pamela Rumancik** is poet, native plant enthusiast and spiritual seeker retired from serving the Unitarian Church in Hinsdale, IL.

Next Sunday Jan 7 in RE - Cooking day, all ages together making squash muffins for Prairie's monthly potluck.

Potluck Sunday Jan 7

Join us after the service on January 7th for a potluck meal and fellowship. Please bring a dish to share. We'll need volunteers to help set up and clean up. All are welcome!

Guest at Your Table Boxes

Please place your Guest at Your Table boxes under our Christmas tree today. Didn't bring it this week? Please bring your box next time you come. Thank you.

