

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Venice

Sunday, December 21, 2025

Worship Leader – Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw

“Turning the Wheel”

Worship Associate – Eileen Leapley Pianist – Lise Frank

Music Before the Service..... Lise Frank
Things You Should Know Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw
Sounding the Singing Bowl Eileen Leapley
Chalice Lighting Eileen Leapley
Welcome Eileen Leapley
Prelude Lisa Frank & Guest Soloist Anne Tormela ...“Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion” from Handel’s “Messiah”
Opening Words Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw
Gathering Hymn Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw. #347 “Gather the Spirit”*
Sermon Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw “Turning the Wheel”
Special Music Marieann Meringolo, vocalist. “The Perfect Gift”
..... Words & Music by Karen Benedetto
Offering Words Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw
Offertory Music Lise Frank.....#402 “From You I Receive”
Celebrations and Sorrows Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw
First Reading Eileen Leapley from “The Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech”
..... by Elie Wiesel
Centering Hymn Eileen Leapley #119 “Once to Every Soul and Nation”
Meditation Eileen Leapley
Interlude Lise Frank & Soloist Anne Tormela..... “O Holy Night”
..... by Adolphe Adam, text by Placide Cappeau
Second Reading Eileen Leapley “Try to Praise the Mutilated World”
..... by Adam Zagajewski, Translated by Clare Cavanagh
Extinguish the Chalice Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw
Closing Hymn Rev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw..... #131 “Love Will Guide Us”
BenedictionRev. Dr. Amy Petrie Shaw
Postlude Lise Frank..... “May Love Surround You”

*Our hymnals are in the bookcases at the back of the sanctuary. Please feel free to borrow one to use during the service.

Please notice our “Food Bank” baskets on the lanai in front of each door to the sanctuary. Please take this reminder home to bring back non-perishable food items for families in great need.

**Here’s What’s Happening at UUCOV This Week:
(All Meetings are in Waters Hall, except where noted.)**

Today, Sunday, December 21

10:00 am – Sunday Service
11:00 am – Cookies, Coffee & Conversation (Lanai)
11:15 am – Auction Planning Committee (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, December 23

10:00 am – Library Hours
1:00 pm – Mahjong Learn/Play
6:30 pm – Free Thinkers of Venice Secular AA Mtg.*

Wednesday, December 24

2:45 pm – UUCOV Choir Rehearsal
4:00 pm – Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary)

Thursday, December 25 Merry Christmas!

UUCOV Office Closed
5:45 am – AA Meeting

Saturday, December 27

10:00 am – Men’s Open Group
10:30 am – Blue Lotus Meditation (Sanctuary)

Sunday, December 28

10:00 am – Sunday Service
11:00 am – Cookies, Coffee & Conversation (Lanai)

*Activities in Italics indicate non-UUCOV sponsored groups.

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WISH LIST Project for which we need your support:

	Est. Cost	Received	Remaining
Security – Bollards	\$6,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
And a recently financed Project:			
Reclaimed Water	\$3,500	\$3,500	Completed

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Barbara Buehring is seeking suggestions for our “Unsung Hero Award.” Send your suggestion of a fellow congregant, who does so much for all of us, to her at UUCOVSecretary@gmail.com by deadline of January 10, 2026.