GATHERING MUSIC by Lynn Biddick, piano.

RINGING THE CHIMES

WELCOMING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS If you are visiting us for the first time, we're glad you're here! Visit uulacrosse.org/connect to tell us about yourself.

CHALICE LIGHTING "To Speak When Silence Feels Safer" by Rev. Michelle Collins This flame burns for the courage we find when fear makes sense. Not the absence of doubt but the choice to act anyway. We light it for those who speak when silence feels safer and those who act when invisibility beckons.

OPENING SONG STLT #155 "Dark of Winter" Lynn Biddick, piano.

OPENING WORDS "Sacred Dissent" by Rev. Michelle Collins

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

TIME FOR ALL AGES Told by Carmen Golay.

Youth invited to go to RE Activities as congregation sings STLT #168 "One More Step": One more step, / we will take one more step, / 'til there is peace for us and everyone, / we'll take one more step.

COVENANT

We are a caring community that inspires, nurtures, and empowers one another. With trust, respect, and compassion, we strive to listen deeply, communicate clearly, and act with love toward one another, our community, and the world.

SHARING OF JOYS AND SORROWS

OFFERTORY Visit <u>uulacrosse.org/waystogive</u> to make pledge payments or contributions to our general fund and/or special collection. This month's special collection is for The St. Clare Health Mission.

Music: Lynn Biddick, piano.

POETRY READINGS

CLOSING SONG Lynn Biddick, piano.

CLOSING WORDS AND CHALICE EXTINGUISHING "Bring Happiness" by Barbara Cheatham

Before we gather here again -

may each of us bring happiness into another's life; may we each be surprised by the gifts that surround us; may each of us be enlivened by constant curiosity — And may we remain together in spirit til the hour we meet again.

POSTLUDE Lynn Biddick, piano.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Join us Next Sunday at 10:00 AM

"Meditation, Resilience, and Cognitive Decline" with Sharon Lukert