

**Candlemas & The Feast of St. Brigid**  
**Unitarian Universalist Congregation**  
**of Frederick, Maryland**  
**Servetus Society (UU Christian Fellowship)**  
**Sunday, February 2, 2014**



CALL TO WORSHIP

All: We come from the East and the West, the North and the South, to celebrate  
the return of the Light and the Mystery of the Recognition of the Christ

INVOCATION

LIGHT THE SACRED FIRE

Chant: Gathered Here in the Mystery of this Hour  
Gathered here in one strong body,  
Gathered here in the struggle and the power,  
Spirit, draw near!

SCRIPTURES FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Psalm 24

Malachi 3:1-4

Luke 2: 22-40

“Sun” from *The Universe Story*, Brian Swimme, Thomas Berry, pp. 63-64

“The Cosmic Christ Needing to be Born” from *The Coming of the Cosmic Christ*,  
Matthew Fox, pp. 136-137

CANDLEMAS RITUAL

MEDITATION: *Food For Thought*

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## OFFERTORY

One: The Eucharist is heart food from the cosmos – the “mystical body of Christ” and the Cosmic Christ or Buddha nature found in all beings in the universe – to us. Christ is the light of the world, which we now know is made only of light. Flesh is light and light is flesh. We eat, drink, sleep, breathe, and love that light.

All: The Eucharist is also our hearts expanding and responding generously: “Yes we will” We will carry on the heart-work called compassion, the work of the cosmos itself.

(From Matthew Fox *Sins of the Spirit, Blessings of the Flesh*  
(Harmony Books, New York, 1999) p. 271.

One: Let the bread, milk, and honey – the elements of our shared sacrament – here set apart from the bounty of the earth be a token of all the good we receive. Let the wine here poured out be a token of our own self-sacrifice that allows us to share in that divine blessing.

## EUCCHARIST

One: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to God

One: Let us give thanks for the spirit of wisdom and understanding, which gives us courage in the struggle for justice and peace.

All: Thanks be to the Spirit of Life, and Light.

### *Institution*

One: The prophet Isaiah sings, Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and those who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without price, for our God calls us away from oppression and greed to a realm of justice and love; God calls us away from famine and poverty to an abundance of milk and honey.

All: We have ignored God’s Call and abandoned the Wisdom that Jesus taught us, but we remember when we share this Feast.



## EXTINGUISH THE CHALICE

All: We extinguish the flame, but not the light of truth and justice that lights our way until we meet again. Peace, Shalom, Amen, Hoh, Blessed be.

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Please join us at our 11 a.m. Community worship service in the Sanctuary with Rev. Carl Gregg  
“Selma, Seneca Falls, and Stonewall”

