

New Covenant Fellowship

December 4, 2022

“Risking Welcome” by Pastor Renée



So welcome each other, in the same way that the Messiah also welcomed you, for God's glory.

—Romans 15:7

ORDER OF SERVICE

Second Week of Advent

Welcome to my Father's House

Welcome (Laura L)

Prepare Ye

People Get Ready

Romans 15:4-13 (Sabas Family)

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

“Risking Welcome” (Pastor Renée)

Here I Am to Worship

Freedom Reigns in this Place

Benediction

God is my Refuge

BENEDICTION

God of timeless grace,
you fill us with joyful expectation.
Make us ready for the message
that prepares the way,
that with courage and holy joy
we may eagerly await
the kingdom of your Son,
Jesus the Messiah
who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and forever.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fellowship Luncheon—Please plan to enjoy a holiday lunch at 11:30 on December 11, the 3rd Sunday of Advent when we light the pink candle representing joy in the midst of longing. NCF provides pasta (including GF) and salad. Stay for the congregational conversation and contribute Christmas sweets to share if you're so inclined. —Barbara L

Congregational Conversation—As we emerge from the pandemic, after six years with a solo pastor, what is our current status and what are our hopes for the future of our fellowship? Please pray and plan to participate in our first conversation since 2019. The **Nov 7 LT** and **Nov 22 LT** summaries are good preparation.

Local Theater—Woman, Life, Freedom' is a theater event—local Iranian students have collaborated to inform a largely non-Iranian audience about the ongoing woman-centered revolutionary movement

in Iran and the contagious courage of women and men whose voices against oppression need to be heard worldwide. Saturday December 3rd, 6:00 sharp-7:30 pm includes the play + Q and A discussion. Location: Channing Murray (1209 W Oregon St, Urbana. Admission: free but donations welcome for Channing Murray foundation.

Interfaith Teens—Teen Trivia Night, Sinai Temple (3104 W. Windsor Road) Sunday, Dec 11 from 7-9pm. Register as a table (6-8 teens) or as an individual and you will be matched up with others who are looking to build a team. Snacks and Drinks provided. Open to 8th-12th graders. Saturday, Dec 17th at Elevate with The UU Church 6-8pm. Details soon!

Immigrant Services CU—Beds are needed and welcome; ISCU will happily pick up mattress sets. Contact iscu2day@gmail.com with donation questions.

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November Income: \$10,789.

Thanksgiving/Reparations: \$6,745.

Family fund: \$850.

Reparations Committee: Jeff, Sharon, Lenita, Vern, Gladys

Family Fund: Karen H, Barbara P, Judy H, Nancy M, & Lehman W

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