

Note: This script by Bruce Woods was modified by Kasey on 2017 SEP 18. Parts you might like to alter are in blue. Be sure that your Order of Service (OS) matches your script. The lines for the OS begin with an asterisk (\*).

**\*Mountain Light Unitarian Universalist Church**  
**\*Order of Service for Sunday, 3 January 2016**

\*Speaker: LarryJo Weas

\*Service Leader (SL): Bruce Wood

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**\*Service Leader's Greeting and Welcoming Statement (SL)**

Note: Begin at 10:30. Speak slowly and loudly to encourage and allow time for people to sit and become quiet.

Good morning. Please be seated. I'm Bruce Wood. I will be your service leader today.

We at MLUUC create and foster community by providing a welcoming and safe environment. We value and care for all who enter here. We give everyone the opportunity to form meaningful connections with one another. We cherish the diversity of gender, age, race, ethnicity, national origin, range of abilities, sexual orientation, gender identity, financial means, education, and political perspective. We purposefully include all in our journey of spiritual growth.

Note: You can use the above Welcoming Statement that Bruce modified from the UUA website, use one from the SST Welcoming Statement page, find one online, or create your own.

**\*Introduction of Visitors (SL)**

Do we have visitors this morning?

Note: Coordinate with Linda Kelly ahead of the service to introduce visitors by name.

**\*Announcements (SL)**

Do we have any announcements?

Note: If no one else does, announce next Sunday's program. You can find the information on the website (Upcoming Services).

**\*Chalice Lighting (SL)**

(Volunteer), will you please light the chalice?

Note: Coordinate before the service for a volunteer to light and extinguish the chalice. While the volunteer lights the chalice, read:

We light this lamp to create our reverent community. This light reminds us to never underestimate the power of forgiveness. We remind ourselves that forgiveness and healing are skills, skills that require practice. So, let us practice forgiveness and healing together, in community.

Note: The words above are by Bruce Wood to support speaker's theme. You may use them or use Chalice Lighting words from the hymnal or elsewhere.

**\*Opening Words: #702, from St. Francis of Assisi (SL)**

Note: Words can be found in the hymnal or you may use other sources.

**\*Hymn: #121 (We'll Build a Land)** - Led by Lorraine Jones

Note: Be sure to see ML2's SST/Hymnal page for directions on choosing music or ask Kasey.

Please stand if you are able and willing. Lorraine will lead us in [Hymn 121](#).

Note: When finished say:

Please be seated.

**\*Candles of Community (SL)**

Please feel free to come forward to light a candle of community to express a joy or concern.

Note: When you are sure everyone is finished, light a final candle and say:

I light this final candle for all those joys and concerns too close to our hearts to share.

**\*Meditation (SL)**

Note: Coordinate with Kasey whilst preparing for your service if you want music or not.

For our period of meditation, let us open our minds and hearts to the place of quiet, to the inner prayer for the healing of pain, and the soft, gentle practice of love.

Note: Tap the gong. After a brief moment of silence, nod to Kasey to begin your musical selection. If it is Choral (such as our usual "Spirit of Life"), Kasey will let it play through to the end. If it is just background music, signal to Kasey when you want him to end it. When the music is over, tap the gong to end meditation.

**\*Responsive Reading: # 552, "My Help Is In The Mountain"** (SL)

Note: You should choose a responsive reading from the hymnal that fits the topic of the presentation.

Please remain seated and join in our Responsive Reading, [# 552, "My Help Is In The Mountain"](#). I will read the standard print. Please read the words in italics together.

**\*Offering & Doxology (SL)**

Note: Before the service, coordinate with a volunteer to pass the baskets (under the pulpit). Often the Treasurer will do this. As they are passed around, read offertory words. These can be from the hymnal (#672-676), for ML2, or elsewhere. When finished, say:

Please stand if you are willing and able. ([Kasey or Lorraine](#)) will lead us in singing the Doxology, printed on the inside cover of your hymnal.

Note: If this is a Youth RE day, say:

Please remain standing while our Youth RE participants depart. ([Kasey or Lorraine](#)) will lead us in singing #413, "Go Now In Peace".

Note: When the singing is over (in either case) say:

Please be seated.

**\*Introduction of Our Speaker (SL)**

Note: Read the biographical information sent to you for the speaker.

**\*Sermon - "What Will You Heal This New Year?"** (speaker)

**\*Discussion Following Sermon** (speaker)

It is now time for our usual discussion. Does anyone have any comments or questions?

Note: Sometimes the speaker, familiar with our ways, will initiate discussion. If not, invite them to say up front to pick questioners and to respond. Watch the time. If the discussion seems to be running long, look to Bruce, Kasey, or another “church elder” for guidance. Point to your watch (or where it would be on your arm) with a questioning look. If you get a nod to end, wait until the current question is over and then interject with these or similar words:

It appears that we could carry on this discussion for a long while. Perhaps we can approach our speaker after the service, if (he or she) is willing, to continue the discussion?

**\*Hymn: #131 (Love Will Guide Us)** - Led by Lorraine Jones

Note: Be sure to see ML2's SST/Hymnal page for directions on choosing music or ask Kasey.

Please stand if you will and can. Lorraine will lead us in Hymn 131.

Note: When finished, say:

Please be seated.

**\*Closing Words: #694 (SL)**

Note: Words can be found in the hymnal or you may use other sources.

**\*Extinguishing of Chalice (SL)**

Note: Words can be found in the hymnal or you may use other sources. Ask the volunteer who lit the chalice (or someone else up front) to come forward to extinguish it.