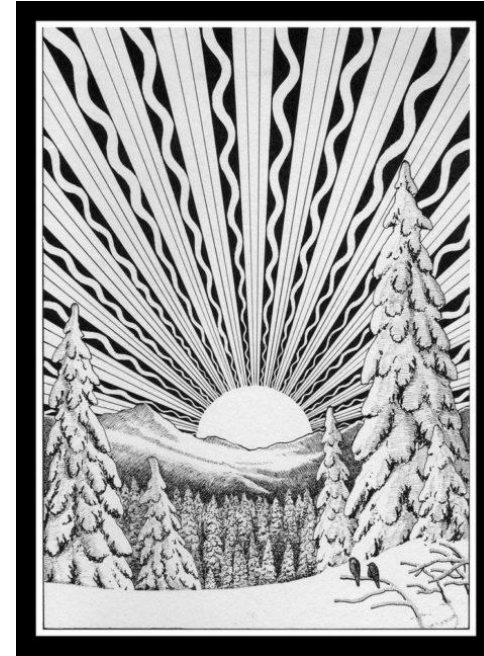


**The Unitarian Universalist Society of Bangor**

## **A Winter Solstice Singing Ritual**



**featuring the Winter Solstice Singers:  
UUSB Choir and Women With Wings**

**A Celebration of the Darkness and the Light  
with Songs and Stories**

*Based on A Winter Solstice Singing Ritual  
by Julie Forest Middleton and Stasa Morgan-Appel*

**December 22, 2024**

### **Winter Solstice Singers**

UUSB Choir Director: Sojourner Crowley

Women With Wings Director: Linda Smith Koehler

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*The Unitarian Universalist Society of Bangor  
and Women With Wings wish you and  
your loved ones a warm and  
wonderful holiday season!*

## A Winter Solstice Singing Ritual and Celebration

Welcome:		Laurie Cartier	Reprise:	“Though My Soul”	Linda Smith Koehler
Announcements:		Laurie Cartier			LyAnn Grogan
Opening Words:	“May You Grow Still Enough” (Brother David Steindl-Rast)	Balenda Ganem	Reading #3:	“It Was the Longest Night...” (Julie Middleton)	Phyllis Havens
Song:	“Though My Soul” (FJ Haydn/Sarah Williams)	Linda Smith Koehler LyAnn Grogan	Choir:	“Winter Solstice” (Linda Smith-Koehler)	
Narrator:		Balenda Ganem	<b>The Light Returns</b>		
Song:	“Round and Round” Round and round the Earth is turning Turning always round to morning And from morning round to night.		Narrator:		Balenda Ganem
Meditation:		Balenda Ganem	<b>Spreading the Light – Candle Ceremony</b>		
Choir:	“Circle of Love” (Linda Smith Koehler)		Reading #4:	“Our Deepest Fear...” (Marianne Williamson)	LyAnn Grogan
<b>A Circle Is Cast</b>			Silent Meditation:		
Narrator:		Balenda Ganem	Song:	“This Little Light” (Traditional) This little light of mine... Everyone I meet... Everywhere I go... All around the world... I got the light of freedom...	
Reading #1:	“Black Elk Speaks...” (John G. Neihardt)	Caleigh Grogan	Song:	“We’ve Got the Power” (Traditional, South Africa) We’ve got the power, alleluia! We’ve got the power, alleluia!	
Song:	“We Are a Circle” (Rick Hamouris) Chorus: We are a circle within a circle With no beginning, and never ending We are a circle within a circle With no beginning and never ending.		Choir:	“Sunrise on the Solstice” (Linda Smith Koehler)	
<b>Invocation</b>			<b>Benediction/Closing</b>		
Reading #2:	“Hear Our Great Mother...” (Judith Laura)	Rissa Moore	Narrator:		Balenda Ganem
Choir:	“Light and Darkness” (Unknown)		Choir:	“Carry It Home” (Betsy Rose)	
<b>Into the Darkness</b>			Closing Reading:	“By the Earth That Is...” (Traditional)	Rev. Andrew Moeller
Narrator:		Balenda Ganem	<b>Closing</b>		
Choir:	“Winter Solstice Chant” (Anne Bearheart/Julie Middleton)		Choir:	“When We Are Gone” (Starhawk and Anne Hill)	

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