

ORDER OF SERVICE
Saturday December 24, 2022, 5:00 pm
“Holy Unexpected”



Rev. Sally Fritsche
MR Rowland, Choir Director, Soloist
Juan Camacho, Piano
Chris Hannauer, AV Tech
Tim Temple, Jerry Carden, & Lynn Wiley, Readers

Gathering Music Traditional Carols, UUCUC Choir

Bell Ringing

Prelude *Carol of the Bells*, Traditional Ukrainian Song, arr by Dorothy Horn, performed by the CrUUners

Welcome & Chalice Lighting “Fellow Sojourners,” by Dan Lambert

We gather together on this Christmas Eve as fellow sojourners looking for light, for hope, for peace, and for love.

We gather as people from many backgrounds, many faiths, many cultures, and many spiritual paths.

But as we light this chalice, we gather as one body looking to the Nativity story for its message to all of humanity.

Its message is that there is light, there is hope, there is peace, there is love.

***Hymn #244** It Came Upon A Midnight Clear

Reading The Gospel According to Luke, Chapter 2, Verses 1-16 (NKJV)

Paper Bag Nativity for All Ages

***Hymn #231** Angels We Have Heard on High

Kids Choir *Baby in a Manger* by Sally DeFord

Reading “For So the Children Come” by Sophia Lyons Fahs

Offering Shared with the UU Utilities fund, administered by Cunningham Township

Offertory Choir “Stars I Shall Find” Poem by Sara Teasdale music by Victor Johnson

There will be rest, and sure stars shining,
Over the rooftops crowned with snow,
a reign of rest, serene forgetting,
the music of stillness holy and low.

I will make this world of my devising,
out of a dream in my lonely mind,
I shall find the crystal of peace, above me,
stars I shall find.

Reading “Come Christmas” by Rev. Maureen Killoran

Message “Holy Unexpected” Rev. Sally

Vocal Solo “O Holy Night” by Adolphe Adam

Lighting Our Christmas Candles

Hymn #251 Silent Night

Postlude “Joy to the World,” by Isaac Watts

*Please stand, if standing is comfortable for you