

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**Sunday December 24, 2022 7 pm**  
***“At The Still Point”***

**Rev. Karen Bush, Interim Lead Minister**

**Rev. Sally Fritsche, Associate Minister  
M. R., Choir Director, Soloist  
Chris Hannauer, AV Technician  
Juan Camacho, Piano**



**Prelude** “A La Nanita Nana with Coventry Carol” arr. by Greg Gilpin - CrUUners

**Bell Ringing**

**The Lighting of the Christmas Candle** Umeeta Sadarangani & Marilyn K. Ryan

**Carol #244 “It Came Upon A Midnight Clear” vs 1, 2 & 4**  
by Unitarian minister the Reverend Edmund Hamilton Sears

**Welcome**

**Chalice Lighting** “Fellow Sojourners,” by Dan Lambert Paul Weston  
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.

**Carol #241 "In The Bleak Midwinter" vs 1 & 3**

**Reading "For So the Children Come" By Sophia Lyons Fahs Joe Omo-osagie**

**Carol "What Child Is This" vs 1, 2 & 3**

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

**Carol #225 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" vs 1, 2 & 3**

**A Prayer and A Candle Lit in the Darkness By Debra Haffner**

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

**Offertory Choir "Stars I Shall Find, poem by Sarah Teasdale" music by Victor C. 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.

**"At The Still Point" by Rev Jude Geiger adapted by Rev Karen Bush**

**Music for Meditation "O Holy Night" by Adolphe Adam**

**Sharing the Light of Peace Carol #251 "Silent Night" vs 1, 2 & 3**

**Chalice Extinguishing "The Work of Christmas" Rev. Howard Thurman**

**One:** As we go from this place let us remember...

When the song of angels is stilled,

When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,

**All:** *The work of Christmas begins:*

*To find the lost,*

*To heal the broken,*

*To feed the hungry,*

*To release the prisoner,*

*To rebuild the nations,*

*To bring peace among the brothers [and sisters],*

*To make music in the heart.*

## **Postlude Joy To The World**

### **Reading “Every Night a Child is Born is a Holy Night”** Sophia Lyons Fahs

For so the children come  
And so they have been coming.  
Always in the same way they come—  
Born of the seed of human beings.  
No angels herald their beginnings  
No prophets predict their future courses  
No wise ones see a star to show  
where to find the babe that will save humankind

Parents—sitting beside their children's cribs—

feel glory in the sight of a new life beginning.

They ask, "Where and how will this new life end?

Or will it ever end?"

Each night a child is born is a holy night—

A time for singing,

A time for wondering,

A time for worshipping.