

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

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**Unitarian Universalist Church
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Build community. Seek inspiration. Promote justice. Find peace



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Christmas Eve Service

December 24th, 2019

5:00 pm

Rev. Florence Caplow

Austin Cody, Acting Choir Director

Dr. Michele Grove, Interim Director of Religious Education

Matthew Gladden, Pianist/Organist

Janet Revell Barrett, Solo Voice

ORDER OF SERVICE
December 24th, 2019 5:00 pm

Pre-Service Carols UUCUC Choir and CrUUners

Chime & Tower Bell

Prelude “Carol of the Bells” trad. arr. Dorothy Horn
Treble CrUUners

Opening Words “This Is a Holy Night” by Debra Haffner
read by Rev. Florence Caplow and Dr. Michele Grove

Unison Chalice Lighting

We gather together tonight and kindle this tiny flame
For the spirit of love, for the spirit of peace, for the spirit of joy.
And for the mystery beyond words shining like a star
In a midnight sky.

Choir “I Wonder As I Wander” arr. John Rutter

1st Reading Matthew 1:18-25 read by Sarah Wisseman

***Carol** “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

2nd Reading Luke 2: 1-7 read by Jenny Hunt

***Carol** “What Child Is This?”

3rd Reading Luke 2: 8-14 read by Janet Barrett

***Carol** “Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

4th Reading Luke 2: 15-20 read by Jennifer Greene

***Carol** “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Offertory “White Wine in the Sun” Tim Minchin

Reflection “I Wonder as I Wander” Rev. Florence Caplow

Anthem *O magnum mysterium* Tomás Luis de Victoria
UUCUC Choir

Candle Lighting “Silent Night”

Christmas Blessing, Extinguishing the Chalice & Closing Chime

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Christmas Shared Offering is supporting Partner Churches. The mission and objectives of the Partner Church Committee are to develop long term, mutually supportive relationships with our fellow UUs in Transylvania, Romania, and in the Khasi Hills in North East India.

Silent Night

Silent night, holy night.
All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.
Silent night, holy night.
Shepards quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!
Silent night, holy night.
Son of God love’s pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth.

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him
Born the King of Angels:
O come, let us adore Him, (3×)
Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above!
Glory to God, glory in the highest:
O come, let us adore Him, (3×)
Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore Him, (3×)
Christ the Lord.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
And order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

What Child Is This?

What Child is this who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,
Come peasant, king to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise a song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy for Christ is born,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.



Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald-angels sing
"Glory to the newborn king;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled"
Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies
With the angelic host proclaim
"Christ is born in Bethlehem"

*Hark! The herald-angels sing
"Glory to the new-born king"*

Hail the Heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings;
Mild He lays His glory by
Born that we more no may die.
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth

*Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the new-born king"*