

**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  
of Urbana-Champaign**

*Build community. Seek inspiration. Promote justice. Find peace*



**Christmas Eve Service:  
“| Wonder as | Wander”**

December 24th, 2019

7:00 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 7:00 pm**

**Pre-Service Carols** Choir

**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

**Reading** “Epiphany” by Judith Bingham  
read by James Engelhardt

**\*Carol** “In the Bleak Midwinter”

**Reading** “Bathing in Starlight” by Kathleen McTigue  
read by Umeeta Sadarangani

**\*Carol** “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

**Reading** “The Shepherds” by Frederick Buechner  
read by Sam Beshers

**\*Carol** “Angels We have Heard on High”

**Offertory** “Patapan Fantasia” Ralph Vaughan Williams  
sung by the CrUUners

**Reading** “Christmas Eve Service” by Emily Kerlin  
read by Jerry Carden

**\*Carol** “O Come All Ye Faithful”

**Reflection** “I Wonder as I Wander”

**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*

**December 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.

**The Christmas tree** in the Sanctuary was decorated by UUCUC Staff.

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## **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.

## In the Bleak Midwinter

In the bleak midwinter frosty wind made moan,  
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
in the bleak midwinter long ago.

Christ a homeless stranger, so the gospels say,  
cradled in a manger and a bed of hay;  
in the bleak midwinter stable-place sufficed  
Mary and her baby, Jesus Christ.

Once more child and mother weave their magic spell,  
touching hearts with wonder words can never tell;  
in the bleak midwinter, in this world of pain,  
where our hearts are open love is born again.



## It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold!  
"Peace on the earth, to all good will,  
From heaven the news we bring!  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing.

But with the woes of war and strife  
The world has suffered long;  
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled  
Two thousand years of wrong;  
And we who fight the wars, hear not  
The love song which they bring.  
O hush the noise, of battle strife,  
And hear the angels sing.

For lo! the days are hastening on,  
By prophet bards foretold,  
When, with the ever-circling years,  
Shall come the Age of Gold;  
When peace shall over all the earth  
Its ancient splendors fling,  
And all the world give back the song  
Which now the angels sing.

## Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains  
Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly, sweetly through the night  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their brief delight  
*Gloria, in excelsis Deo*  
*Gloria, in excelsis Deo*

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heavenly song?  
*Gloria, in excelsis Deo*  
*Gloria, in excelsis Deo*

See him in a manger laid  
Whom the angels praise above  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
While we raise our hearts in love.  
*Gloria, in excelsis Deo*  
*Gloria, in excelsis Deo*