

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.

For Your Information: Church events, including services, may be recorded and/or photographed. This is an AED equipped facility. The AED is located in the lobby, near the Green Street entry.

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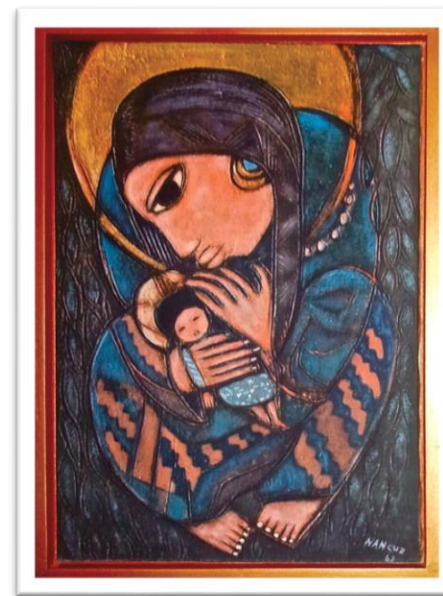
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**Unitarian Universalist Church
of Urbana-Champaign**



Painting by Maya artist Nan Cuz

Christmas Eve Service

December 24th, 2018

5:00 pm

Rev. Florence Caplow

**Matt Sheppard, Music Director
Matthew Gladden, Pianist/Organist**

The Mission of UUCUC

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

We are a "Welcoming Congregation" for the LGBTQIA+ Community

ORDER OF SERVICE
December 24th, 2018 5:00 pm

Pre-Service Carols UUCUC Choir, CrUUners, and UU Horn Band

Chime & Tower Bell

Prelude "In the Bleak Midwinter" Gustav Holst
UUCUC Choir

Opening Words Rev. Florence Caplow

Reading "Christmas Is Subversive" by Kendyl Gibbons
read by Jerry Carden

Unison Chalice Lighting

In gratitude for the gifts of light and love tonight
We kindle this flame.

***Carol** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

1st Reading "Journey to Bethlehem" read by Mona Shannon

***Carol** "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

2nd Reading "The Babe is Born" read by Lane Schwartz

***Carol** "Away in a Manger"

3rd Reading "The Shepherds and the Angels" read by Cindy Loui

***Carol** "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

4th Reading "The Shepherds Go to Bethlehem" read by Janet Barrett

***Carol** "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

5th Reading "The Wise Men" read by Pamela Van Wyk

***Carol** "I Saw Three Ships"

Offertory "Fantasia on Greensleeves" Ralph Vaughan Williams

Reflection "Awakening Compassion" Rev. Florence Caplow

Anthem "Ave Maria" Sergei Rachmaninoff
UUCUC Choir

Candle Lighting "Silent Night"

Closing Words, Extinguishing the Chalice & Closing Chime

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Special Dedication Tonight for Al Otro Lado Border Rights Project! Each service we share half of our collection plate with an organization in alignment with our values, and the other half is for the UUCUC operating budget. This Christmas, in response to the humanitarian crisis on our southern border, the church's half of the offering will be given to Al Otro Lado, a 501(c)(3) that helps migrant and refugee families in Tijuana with legal, medical, and social support, including reuniting children and parents and supporting LGBTQ+ asylum seekers.

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 lovely poinsettias have been purchased and are dedicated to...

In honor of Mardy Keener
Jenny Hunt and Kristi Mercer

In honor of Bette McGrew and Barrie Hunt
Jenny Hunt and Kristi Mercer

In honor of Ralph and Trudi Wood
Cindy and Michael Loui

In memory of Dr. Amy Elizabeth Winans
Marilyn Ryan and Umeeta Sadarangani

In honor of Carlyle Summerbell and Frank Chapman Pellett
Marie McEnroe

*Forever in my heart ~ Gene and Ameila Densmore, Brian Stoll
and Keith Plough*
Becky Densmore

In honor of Harriet McNeal
Rev. Florence Caplow

In honor of the women of my life
Jan Kalmar

Karen Folk



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, 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.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight

How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is given
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven
No ear may hear His coming
But in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive him still
The dear Christ enters in

Away In a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

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 man no more 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"*

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.

I Saw Three Ships

I saw three ships come sailing in
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day
I saw three ships come sailing in
On Christmas Day in the morning
Wither sailed those ships all three
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day

Wither sailed those ships all three
On Christmas Day in the morning
Oh they sailed into Bethlehem
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day
They sailed into Bethlehem
On Christmas Day in the morning

And all the bells on earth shall ring
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day
And all the bells on earth shall ring
On Christmas Day in the morning