

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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**Unitarian Universalist Church
of Urbana-Champaign**



**Christmas Eve Service
“Awakening Compassion”**

**December 24th, 2018
7:00 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 7:00 pm

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

Chime & Tower Bell

Prelude "In the Bleak Midwinter" Gustav Holst
UUCUC Choir

Reading "When Merry Meets Mess" by Erika Hewitt
read by Umeeta Sadarangani

Opening Words Rev. Florence Caplow

Unison Chalice Lighting

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

***Carol** "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

Reading "Gabriel's Annunciation" by Jan Richardson
read by Jerry Frye

Reading "Advent Poem" by Enuma Okoro, read by Jennifer Greene

Song "The Atheist Christmas Carol" Vienna Teng

Reading "Let Us Be That Stable" by Patrick Murfin
read by Pamela Van Wyk

***Carol** "What Child Is This?"

Offertory "Fantasia on Greensleeves" Ralph Vaughan Williams

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

Reading "Compassion" by Thich Nhat Hanh
read by Umeeta Sadarangani

Song "Filled With Loving Kindness"

Reflection "Awakening Compassion"

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*

Images of Mary and Kuan Yin from around the world

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 by and 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 Dr. 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.

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men !

Till, ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day
A voice, a chime,
A chant sublime
Of peace on earth, good-will to men !

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.

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

Filled with Loving Kindness

My I be filled with loving kindness. May I be well.
My I be filled with loving kindness. May I be well.
May I be peaceful and at ease. May I be whole.

May you be filled with loving kindness. May you be well.
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May you be peaceful and at ease. May you be whole.

May we be filled with loving kindness. May we be well.
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May we be peaceful and at ease. May we be whole.

“2nd time: replace each “I” with “you”

“3rd time: replace each “I” with “we”