



Candlelight Service

UCV Members and the Chalice Choir

December 13, 2020 - 7:00 pm



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Prelude

Improvisations on
Christmas Carols
Paul Nash

Call to Celebration / Kindling the Chalice Flame

Way Kent

Opening Carol #226

People, Look East

Season of Farewells and Beginnings

Readings

You Be Glad at That Star

By Clarke Dewey Wells
Read by Louise Bunn

Once a Snowflake

By Nikki Giovanni
Read by Kasper Breisnes

The Snow Man

By Wallace Stevens
Read by Cole Harris

Musical Response

*Still, Still, Still **

Trad., arr. Paul Nash
Performed by Dolores Scott,
Paul Nash and Elliot Dainow

Season of Dark and Peace

Readings

Let Evening Come

By Jane Kenyon
Read by Geoff Gomery

December Stillness

By Siegfried Sassoon
Read by Juliet Andrien

*Not So Far as the Forest
(Stanza 1)*

By Edna St. Vincent Millay
Read by Karen Theroux

Musical Response

Dark of Winter

By Shelley Jackson Denham
Performed by the Chalice
Choir leads

Season of Hanukkah

Readings

Those Who Walk in Darkness

By Naomi Shemer
Read by Elliott Dainow

Light the Festive Candles

By Aileen Lucia Fisher
Read by Rev. Lara Cowtan

Musical Response

Light One Candle

By Peter Yarrow,
arr. B.A. Wilder
Performed by Elliott Dainow

Season of Yule

Readings

Sycamore Seeds

By Robin Skelton
Read by Juliet Andrien

Ring Out, Wild Bells

By Alfred Lord Tennyson
Read by Way Kent

Musical Response

The Wild Wood

By Kat Vriesema-Magnuson,
words with K. Apple
Performed by Kat Vriesema-
Magnuson

Offering: *We deeply appreciate
your presence here, your offering
and the gifts you share.*

A Child is Born

By Thad Jones & Alec Wilder
Performed by Dolores Scott &
Paul Nash

Season with an Attitude

Readings

Christ Climbed Down

By Lawrence Ferlinghetti
Read by Diane Brown

One January 1965

By Joseph Brodsky
Read by Karen Theroux

Musical Response

On This Day Everywhere

By Theodoric Petri,
arr. G. Holst
Performed by the Chalice
Choir leads

Christmas Full-On

Readings

Snow

By Billy Collins
Read by Paul Nash

from A Christmas Carol

By Charles Dickens
Read by Way Kent

The Gift

By William Carlos Williams
Read by Louise Bunn

Carol #244

*It Came Upon the Midnight
Clear*

Musical Response

*Jesus bleibet meine Freude,
from Cantata #147 ***

By J.S. Bach
Performed by the
Chalice Choir

Winter Light/New Year

Readings

On New Year's Eve

By Eve Shockley
Read by Geoff Gomery

Musical Response

Auld Lang Syne

Traditional, arr. Bryan Gick
Performed by Bryan Gick

Benediction

Way Kent

Closing Hymn #409

Sleep My Child

Valediction

*Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again.
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* **Still, Still, Still**

Still, still, still, the little child is sleeping.
Mary sings softly to her dear child,
With unending love.
Still, still, still, the little child is sleeping.

Sleep, sleep, sleep, my little child, sleep.
The angels are rejoicing,
Surrounding the manger with their glorious music.
Sleep, sleep, sleep, my little child, sleep.

** **Jesus bleibet meine Freude**

(also known as Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring)
Jesus shall remain my joy,
my heart's comfort and sap,
Jesus shall fend off all sorrow,
He is the strength of my life,
the delight and sun of my eyes,
the treasure and wonder of my soul;
therefore I will not let Jesus go
out of my heart and sight.
Grant us peace

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Upcoming Seasonal Events & Services



Sunday, December 20, 11 am – Church Service: **A Winter Solstice Story** by Kiersten E. Moore, performed by UCV children & youth

What happens when four young faeries discover that the Sun Spirit is dying? Are they able to change the course of action or will they discover something new journeying in the darkness? This original play was inspired by a pagan fable and a guided meditation on dealing with grief in the midst of what is supposed to be a joyous holiday. Join us to see how our children and youth bring it to life and bring you along on a journey of stillness and revelation.

Thursday, December 24, 7 pm – Church Service: **Christmas Eve Celebration**

Please join us in this festival commemoration of Christmas! We observe this special evening with carols, candles, readings, and the spoken word. This is a special service full of meaning and peace; invite your friends and family to join us via live stream!

Sunday, December 27, 11 am – Church Service: **Fire Communion**

In between the closing of the old year and the unfurling of the new, we come together in a ritual of reflection, letting go, and looking forward.

Fire Communion is an opportunity to cast the emotional baggage of the old year into the flames and, lighter in spirit, set our intentions for the year to come. This year, **Mary Bennett** will offer some reflections and **Patrick Dubois** will treat us to music. **Wendy Bryan** will lead the ritual of burning rosemary sprigs in our cauldron of transformation.

People silently toss their sprig into the flames. This year we'll give you some suggestions for creating your own family cauldron.

Following the service there will be a sharing circle (“covenant group”) during online coffee hour where you will be invited to share your comments if you so wish.



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We actively welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities!

Our Vision

Because we envision a more compassionate world, we seek to deepen our spiritual and religious lives, grow and enrich our congregation, and advocate for love and justice.

Living Our Vision

As Unitarians, we are dedicated to spiritual growth, social justice, and reverence for nature and all life. We embody these values through worship, ethical action, artistic expression, and religious education for all ages that aim to connect hearts, heads, and hands. Our congregation welcomes all ages, orientations, abilities, and identities in our joyous search for meaning.

MINISTER AND STAFF

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Rev. Lara Cowtan

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