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Christmas Eve Celebration

Rev. Lara Cowtan & the UCV Congregation

Live streamed from the UCV Sanctuary – December 24, 2021



Regular Office Hours: Monday to Thursday, 9:30 am to 2 pm

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Celebration of Worship: 7:00pm December 24, 2021

Prelude	<i>Holiday Selections</i>	arr. Nikki Iles Eric Wyness, Piano
Welcome & Lighting of Advent Candles		Rev. Lara Cowtan
Opening Carols	Sing along at home! (See page 3 & 4 for lyrics to the carols) #253: <i>Oh Come All Ye Faithful</i> #235: <i>Deck the Halls</i>	
Message	<i>Ebenezer Bezos</i>	UCV Youth
Carol	#231: <i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	
First Reading	<i>Bitter Tears</i>	FNV*
Musical Response	<i>Angels' Carol</i>	arr. Rutter / Ridley Performed by Stan Ridley & Elliott Dainow
Second Reading	<i>Humble Birth</i>	FNV*
Carols	#237: <i>The First Nowell</i> #245: <i>Joy to the World</i>	
Third Reading	<i>Seekers of Wisdom</i>	FNV*
Carols	#259: <i>We Three Kings</i> #251: <i>Silent Night</i>	
Benediction		Rev. Lara Cowtan
Closing Song	<i>We wish you a Merry Christmas (x3) and a Happy New year. Good tidings we bring to you and your kin; Good tidings for Christmas and a Happy New year.</i> <i>Now bring us some figgy pudding (x3) and a cup of good cheer We won't go until we get some (x3) so bring some out here. We wish you a Merry Christmas (x3) and a Happy New year</i>	
Prelude		Eric Wyness, Piano

*[First Nations Version](https://uscatholic.org/articles/202108/new-testament-translation-honors-traditions-of-native-peoples/) (FNV) This Translation of the New Testament is an English retelling of the New Testament that present the Gospels in the oral storytelling tradition of indigenous cultures. For more information:
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***#253: Oh Come All Ye Faithful**

*Adeste fideles laete triumphantes,
Venite, venite in Bethlehem.
Natum videte Regem angelorum*

Refrain: Venite adoremus, venite adoremus, venite adoremus Dominum.

*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
Refrain*

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest
Refrain*

#235 Deck the Halls

*Deck the halls with boughs of holly Fa la...
'Tis the season to be jolly Fa la...
Don we now our gay apparel Fa la...
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol Fa la...*

*See the blazing yule before us Fa la...
Strike the harp and join the chorus Fa la...
Follow me in merry measure Fa la...
While I tell of Yuletide treasure Fa la...*

*Fast away, the old year passes Fa la...
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses Fa la...
Sing we joyous all together Fa la...
Heedless of the wind and weather Fa la...*

#231 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
Refrain: Gloria, in excelsis Deo (x2)*

*Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear?
Refrain*

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

#237 The First Nowell

*The First Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

*Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.*

*They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.*

*And by the light of that same star
Three magi came from country far;
To seek a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.*

#245 Joy to the World

*Joy to the world! The Word is come: let earth with praises ring.
Let every heart prepare a room and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing!*

*Joy to the earth! Now gladness reigns: let hearts their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*Nor more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground.
Let righteousness its glories show, as far as love is found,
As far as love is found, as far, as far as love is found.*

#259 We Three Kings

*We three kings of Orient are Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain Following yonder star.*

*Refrain: Oh, Star of wonder, star of light
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us through this perfect night*

*Frankincense to offer have I Incense owns a Deity nigh
Pray'r and praising, all are raising Worship God most high.
Refrain*

*Myrrh is mine, it's bitter perfume Breathes of life of gathering gloom
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
Refrain*

*Born a babe on Bethlehem's plain Gold I bring to crown Him again
Love forever, ceasing never In our hearts to rein.
Refrain*

#251 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 (x2)*

Silent night, holy night!

*Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar;
Heavenly hosts sing Al-le-lu-ia!
Sleep in heavenly peace (x2)*

Silent night, holy night

*Child of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Sleep in heavenly peace (x2)*