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Christmas Eve Celebration

Rev. Steven Epperson & Elliott Dainow

7:00pm, December 24, 2018



UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER



At the front of the church you will find unlit candles. You are welcome to light a candle in remembrance, in gratitude, in prayer, in celebration.

*The prelude helps to create a spirit for shared celebration and worship.
Please refrain from conversing and please turn off your cell phones.*



A warm welcome to all!

Prelude

St. Basil's Hymn
Oiche Nollage (Christmas Eve)
Christmas Day in the Mornin'

Trad. Greek Christmas Tune
Single Jig, Irish
Trad. Shetland Jig

Played by:
Catherine Hembling, Concertina
Leith Davis, Fiddle
Rob McGregor, Octave Mandolin
Tara Bonham, Harp

Opening Words & Kindling the Chalice Flame

Rev. Steven Epperson

Opening Carol

#253 Oh Come All Ye Faithful

Christmas Readings

#653 Reflections on the Resurgence of Joy
#617 And it Came to Pass from Luke 2

Carols Continued

#231 Angels We Have Heard On High
#244 It Came Upon A Midnight Clear

Christmas Readings

#610 The Journey of Love
#615 The Work of Christmas

Carols Continued

#237 The First Nowell
#228 Once in David's Royal City

Offering: *We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.* *Bring a Torch*

Trad. / arr. Mark Hayes
With Stan Ridley & E. Dainow

Christmas Eve Remarks

Rev. Steven Epperson

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

We wish you a Merry Christmas;
We wish you a Merry Christmas;
We wish you a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin;
Good tidings for Christmas and
a Happy New Year.
Oh, bring us a figgy pudding;
Oh, bring us a figgy pudding;
Oh, bring us a figgy pudding
and a cup of good cheer

We won't go until we get some;
We won't go until we get some;
We won't go until we get some,
so bring some out here
We wish you a Merry Christmas;
We wish you a Merry Christmas;
We wish you a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.

Benediction

Rev. Steven Epperson

Extinguishing the Chalice Flame

Valediction

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

Buddy Bags for kids with a small stuffie, themed colouring book, and crayons are available in the foyer for use during the service. Please return them to the basket at the end; you may keep the colouring book. There is also a playroom for family use across from the kitchen in Hewett Centre.

The seats in the rear of the church are **reserved**:
(when facing the front) left side for those needing to slip in and out of the service, and
right side for persons in wheelchairs & strollers.

The UCV Campus is a non-smoking environment. Please note that the UCV office is closed for the holidays from Dec. 21 to January 2. In case of emergency, please contact Aurora at 604-354-1643 or ca@vancouverunitarians.ca.





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.

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