

Christmas Day 2022

A Unitarian Universalist Service

Prelude Music

Glenn Kime, Music Director,
May Memorial UU Society, Syracuse NY

Gathering Carol

Joy to the World

Words by Isaac Watts

Composer unknown

Arr. by Lowell Mason

First Unitarian Society of Denver, CO; Lia Davis, Director of Music

Performed by: Lacey Hackman, Charlotte Braud-Kern, Steve Kaminger,

Brian Stone, Bruce Kruger & the Altius Quartet

Words of Welcome

Rev. Sarah Lenzi

Unitarian Society of Ridgewood NJ

Chalice Lighting

Rev. Christina Leone-Tracy

Fox Valley UU Fellowship

Song

O Come All Ye Faithful

Music and Latin lyrics: John Francis Wade (credited)

English lyrics: Frederick Oakeley

Kristen Plumley, soprano

Annette Lieb, flutist

Ron Levy, piano

Unitarian Society of Ridgewood NJ

Call to Worship

Rev. Sarah Lenzi

Song

Angels We Have Heard on High

Words: Earl Bowman Marlatt

Music: French carol

Fox Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Steve Sieck, Music Director

Reading

from the Book of Luke

Rev. Jennifer Von Rue

Minister, May Memorial UU Society, Syracuse NY

Reading

“For so the Children Come”

by Sophia Lyon Fahs, adapted by Meghann Robern

Rev. Kim Wildszewski

UU Church of Washington Crossing NJ

Song

Carol of the Bells

Ukrainian Carol

Words: Peter J. Wilhousky

Music: Mykola Leontovych

Performers: Natasha Steinmacher (Cherry Hill, NJ), Laura Weiss (Fairfax, VA), Jenny Crane (Cedar Lane, MD), Deborah Int Veldt (Frederick, MD), Sarah Jebian (Mtn. View, CA), Cynthia Young (Reston, VA), Tracy Hall (Towson, MD), Jeff Bender (Sugarloaf, MD), Michael Holmes (Silver Spring, MD), Mark Zimmerman (Mt. Vernon, VA)

Reading

“Amazing Peace: A Christmas Poem” by Dr. Maya Angelou

Rev. Catie Scudera (she/hers)

First Parish in Needham MA

Hymn

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Words: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Music: Traditional English Melody

Laura Nevitt (she/they)

First Parish in Needham, MA

Offering

For the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee

Rev. Emily DeTar Birt

UU Fellowship of Northern Westchester NY

Offertory

The Wexford Carol

Traditional Irish Carol

Arranged: Howard Helvey

UU Fellowship of Northern Westchester NY

Marshall Schor, Conductor

Reading

“Muttered Prayer in Thanks for the Under-Genius of Christmas” by Brian Doyle

Rev. Karen G. Johnston

Prayer

Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt

UU Church of Silver Spring MD

Song

Away in a Manger

Words: unknown

Music: James Ramsey Murray

Kristen Plumley, soprano

Annette Lieb, flutist

Ron Levy, piano

Unitarian Society of Ridgewood NJ

Ron Levy, Director of Music

A Story on a Christmas Song

Rev. Joanna Fontaine Crawford

Minister, Live Oak UU Church

Song*O Holy Night*

Words (original): Placide Cappeau

Music (original): Adolphus Adam

Contemporary English adaptation: John Sullivan Dwight

Kristen Plumley, Soprano

Ciaran Sheehan, baritone

Heather Martin Bixler, violin

Sue Anderson, piano

Ridgewood, NJ

Homily

Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt

Reading

"The Work of Christmas" by Howard Thurman

Rev. Tracy Sprowls

Transition Minister, UU Fellowship of Centre County

Closing Words, Chalice Extinguishing & Benediction

Rev. Sarah Lenzi

Postlude*Deck the Halls*

Words: Thomas Olifant

Music: Traditional Welsh Carol

Performers: Natasha Steinmacher (Cherry Hill, NJ), Laura Weiss (Fairfax, VA), Jenny Crane (Cedar Lane, MD), Deborah Int Veldt (Frederick, MD), Sarah Jebian (Mtn. View, CA), Cynthia Young (Reston, VA), Tracy Hall (Towson, MD), Jeff Bender (Sugarloaf, MD), Michael Holmes (Silver Spring, MD), Mark Zimmerman (Mt. Vernon, VA)

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