

# 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

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