

Christmas Eve 2014



Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

Christmas Eve Candle Light Service

Order of Service: 6:30 PM

December 24, 2014

Please see one of our greeters if you would like to use a set of headphones, a large-print order of service or hymnal

- Music for Gathering Hal Walker, Music Director
- Chime
- Prelude *The Holly and the Ivy*, traditional
arr. by Alice Parker
Members of the Fallow Time Folk Orchestra
- Welcome The Rev. Melissa Carvill Ziemer, Minister
- Chalice Lighting Karen Lapidus, Director of Religious Education
- Opening Song *Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal*, traditional
arr. by Alice Parker
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent Peace Choir
- Call to Worship Lori McGee, Worship Associate
- Carol (standing) *Joy to the World*

Joy to the world , the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love, And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders, of his love.

They told me that when Jesus was born a star appeared in the heavens above the place where the young child lay.

When I was very young I had no trouble believing wondrous things; I believed in the star. It was a wonderful miracle, part of a long ago story, foretelling an uncommon life.

They told me a super nova appeared in the heavens in its dying burst of fire.

When I was older and believed in science and reason I believed the story of the star explained. But I found that I was unwilling to give up the star, fitting symbol for the birth of one whose uncommon life has been long remembered.

The star explained became the star understood, for Jesus, for Buddha, for Zarathustra.

Why not a star? Some bright star shines somewhere in the heavens each time a child is born.

Who knows what it may foretell? Who knows what uncommon life may yet again unfold, if we give it a chance?

Story for All Ages

Bearing our Gifts
by Rev. Laura Horton-Ludwig
inspired by Anatole France's story *Our Lady's Juggler*
and Tomie dePaola's *The Clown of God*

Lesson

Matthew 1:18 – 2:12, NRSV

Carol (seated)

We Three Kings of Orient Are

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

*Refrain: O star of wonder, star of light,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

Born a babe on Bethlehem's plain
gold I bring to crown him again
love forever, ceasing never
in our hearts to reign

Refrain

Story for All Ages, continued

Lesson

Luke 2:1-20, NRSV

Carol (seated)

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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: O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

Lo, humble shepherds,
hasting to his cradle,
leaving their flocks in the fields, draw near.
We, too, with gladness,
thither bend our footsteps;

Refrain

Story for All Ages, concluded

Anthem

Sure on This Shining Night
words by James Agee, music by Morten Lauridsen
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent Peace Choir

Lesson

You Have to Know Your Body as the Home of God
by Rebecca Parker

Reflection

Offering

For Christmas the undesignated offerings will go to the Community Action Council's Emergency Weatherization Fund. Please make all checks payable to the UU Church of Kent and indicate on the memo line that the check is for the Community Action Council Emergency Energy Conservation Fund or, use a Pew Envelope and check the Special Offering box on the envelope. If your offering is intended as a pledge payment, please write pledge on the memo line. Thank you.

Offertory

Soon and Very Soon
by Andréa Crouch, arr. by Bill Ingram
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent Tone Chimers

Unison Reading (seated)

The Work of Christmas
by Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart.

Lighting of the Candles

Dona Nobis Pacem, traditional canon
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent Peace Choir

Please remain seated and use caution while lighting the candles. Hold your candle upright, allowing the person with the unlit candle to dip into your flame. You are welcome to take the candles home with you to enjoy again, or you may deposit them in the boxes by the sanctuary doors as you leave.

Prayer

Silence

Carol (seated)

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,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Stille Nacht, heil'ge Nacht,
Alles schläft; einsam wacht
Nur das traute hoch heilige Paar.
Holder Knab' im lockigen Haar,
Schlafe in himmlischer Ruh,
Schlafe in himmlischer Ruh.

Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

Noche de paz, noche de amor,
Todo duerme en derredor.
Entre sus astros que esparcen su luz
Bella anunciando al niño Jesús
Brilla la estrella de paz
Brilla la estrella de paz

Benediction

Libbie D. Stoddard

Postlude

Here We Come A-Caroling, traditional
arr.by Marie Poole
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent Peace Choir

***Our thanks go to the musicians
who have shared their time and talents with us this evening.***

Beth Wills	MaryLou Holly	Jill Foresman
Blaine Vesley	Melodie Peterson	Krsnaa Fitch
Chris Hook	Merlin Johnson	Larry Johnson
Connor May	Nora Vesley	Lee Brooker
Dave Smeltzer	Phyllis Smith	Lisa Theil
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Jennifer Hill	Sheila Harko	Vanessa Vesley
Wendy Mann		

***Our thanks go to the Greeters
who have welcomed us this evening.***

Elaine Bowen
Patty Miller

***Our thanks go to those who have provided us
with hospitality during the fellowship hour.***

Meg Milko	Claudia Miller
Elaine Bowen	Lois Weir

Sunday, December 28, 2014– One Service at 9:45 AM

*Laughter Sunday
Led by Mike Hovancsek and Worship Associate Lori McGee*

VISITORS - Welcome! We are glad you are here. Thank you for participating in worship with us today. We hope that you will find a spiritual home here and that you will be enriched in the liberal religious practice and heritage of Unitarian Universalism. The members of this church take pride in the fact that we embrace people of all races, ethnicities, ages, creeds, sexual orientations, and abilities. In addition, we are a “Welcoming Congregation,” which means that we have taken part in a special program, designed by the UUA, for congregations that see a need to become more inclusive towards bisexual, gay, lesbian, and/or transgender people. This congregation is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Association. The principles and purposes of the UUA, which we “covenant to affirm and promote,” can be found in the front of the hymnal, on the UUA website (www.uua.org), and on bookmarks available in the front entryway.

We are concerned about everyone’s safety.

If we need to evacuate the building for a fire drill or for any other reason, please follow the directions of the worship leader. Parents and guardians should look for their children on the grassy area behind the annex and should not go to the classrooms. People with mobility concerns or other special needs should proceed to the Founders' Lounge where evacuation assistance will be available.

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