

Christmas Eve Young Family Service

Order of Service: 4:30 PM December 24, 2014

Music for Gathering Hal Walker, Music Director

Chime

Carol (standing)

Joy to the World Susanna Smart, autoharp

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 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.

Welcome The Rev. Renee Ruchotzke
Affiliated Community Minister

Chalice Lighting Karen Lapidus

Director of Religious Education

Lesson: The Annunciation

Carol (seated)

It Came upon the Midnight Clear Susanna Smart, autoharp

It came upon the midnight clear that glorious song of old from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold Peace on the earth, good will to men From heaven the news we bring The world in solemn stillness lay To hear the angels sing.



Lesson: The Nativity

Carol (seated)

Away in a Manger Susanna Smart, autoharp

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where He lay, The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes; I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky And stay by my cradle til morning is nigh.



Lesson: The Angels and Shepherds

Carol (seated)

O Come, All Ye Faithful Susanna Smart, autoharp

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



Lesson: The Wise Men

Carol (seated)

We Three Kings of Orient Are Susanna Smart, autoharp

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, quide 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



Offering

For Christmas, any 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 CAC Emergency Energy Conservation Fund or, use a Pew Envelope and check the Special Offering box. If your offering is intended as a pledge payment, please write pledge on the memo line. Thank you.

Lighting of the Candles

Shared Prayer and Silence

Carol (seated)

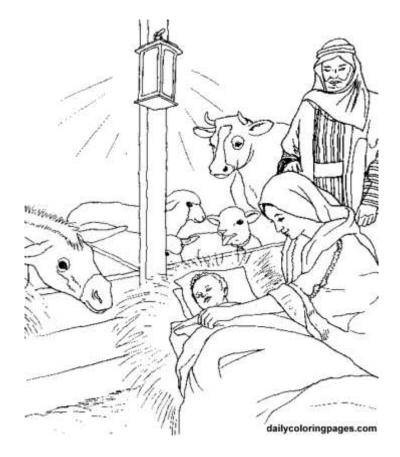
Silent Night Susanna Smart, autoharp

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.

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!



Postlude



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.

Church Office: The church office is located in the Eldredge Annex next to the church building. Church Office hours are: Monday -Friday 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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