



Christmas Eve, 2016
Rev. Renee Ruchotzke
Intern Minister Dave Clements
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

Christmas Eve

Order of Service:

December 24, 2016

*Please see one of our greeters if you would like
to use a large-print order of service.*

Music for Gathering

The Fallow Time Brass Quartet

Chime

Welcome

Rev. Renée Ruchotzke
Affiliated Community Minister

Chalice Lighting

by David Breeden

Prelude

African Noel
Traditional African Carol, arr. Victor Johnson
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent Peace Choir

Call to Worship

Lori Fatchet-McGee
Commissioned Lay Minister and 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.*

Responsive Reading (standing)

Reflection on the Resurgence of Joy
by Dori Jeanine Sommers

How short the daylight hours have now become.
How gray the skies, how barren seem the trees.

*A damp and chilling wind has gripped my mind
and made me gloomy, too.*

But there is that in me which reaches up toward light
and laughter, bells, and carolers,

*And knows that my religious myth and dream of reborn joy
and goodness must be true,*

Because it speaks the truths of older myths;

*That light returns to balance darkness, life surges in the ever green –
and us,*

And babes are hope, and saviours of the world, as miracles abound in
common things.

Rejoice! And join in the gladness of Christmas.

Story for All Ages (6:30pm)

Jingle Bells: How the Holiday Classic Came to Be
by John Harris
Lily Rappaport, Director of Religious Education

Story (8:30pm)

A Child's Gift, adapted
by Dylan Thomas
Dave Clements, Intern Minister

Musical Interlude

What You Gonna Call, traditional
arr. By Peter Amidon
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent Peace Choir

Lesson

The Risk of Incarnation
by Parker Palmer
Lori Fatchet-McGee

Carol (standing)

Angels We Have Heard on High

*Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.*

*Refrain: Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

*Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see?
What glad tidings did you hear?*

Refrain

Lesson

from *Luke 2*
6:30 pm: SV*
8:30 pm: KJV

Carol (standing)

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

*Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:
"Glory to God,
all glory in the highest!"*

Refrain

Lesson

from *Matthew 1 and 2*

6:30 pm: SV

8:30 pm: KJV

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

Wisdom Words

You Have to Know Your Body As The Home Of God
by Rebecca Parker

Anthem

I Wonder as I Wander
by John Jacob Niles, arr. Gail Downey
The Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent Tone Chimers
Hallie Walker (soloist)

Reflection

Rev. Renée Ruchotzke

Offering

This month's special collection will benefit the Community Action Council Emergency Energy Conservation Fund, an outreach to help residents of Portage County. For more information visit:
<http://www.cacportage.net/>

Please make checks payable to the UU Church of Kent with "CAC" noted on the memo line or feel free to use a pew envelope marking the special collection box and including your name so we may credit you for the donation. Thank you for your generosity.

Offertory

Bell Carol - Ukrainian Bell Carol
by Mykola Leontovych, arr. by Heather Sorenson
The Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent Peace Choir

Lesson

Now the Work of Christmas Begins
Howard Thurman

Lighting of the Candles

Dona Nobis Pacem, traditional canon

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.*

*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!*

*Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light,
radiant beams from thy holy face
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth!
Jesus Lord, at thy birth!*

*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.*

Benediction

Rev. Renée Ruchotzke

Postlude (Please remain seated)

The Fallow Time Brass Quartet



Holiday Service Schedule

Christmas Day: Sunday, December 25 10:00 am A Celebration of Spirit

New Year's Day: Sunday, January 1 10:00 am A New Day

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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