



On This Shining Night

Order of Service

December 24, 2020

The winter trees stand watch haloed in the last gleams of the slanting sun.
 Glory sings here. Heaven echoes the call: Repeat the sounding joy.
 -Rev. Rebecca Parker

Gathering

Music for Gathering

Leaping and Dancing

Tina Bergmann, Hammered Dulcimer

Welcome

Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Chime

Prelude

What Child is This (English Folk Melody)

Call to Worship

The Gospel of Luke 2:8-20

Opening Hymn

Angels We Have Heard on High
 Hal Walker, Music Director

Chalice Lighting

Heidi Emhoff Wood, Worship Associate

As a sign of the love that brings us together
 As a symbol of this season's message of hope
 As a witness to the light of truth within and among us
 With a joyful spirit on this shining night
 We kindle our Christmas flame.

Chalice Lighting Response Hymn

Let Christmas Come

Reflecting

Time For All Ages

Amazing Peace: A Christmas Poem

By Maya Angelou

Colleen Thoele, Director of Religious Education

Offering

Ding Dong Merrily on High (French Carol)

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

A Time of Stillness and Pastoral Prayer

Music Meditation

In the Bleak Midwinter
 by Gustav Holst

Reading	<i>Another Star, Another Night</i> by Richard S. Gilbert
Carol	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>
Reading	<i>A Winter Blessing</i> by Rev. Rebecca Parker Kathy Kerns, Worship Associate
Carol	<i>It Came Upon the Midnight Clear</i>
Reading	<i>In Whom Will We Be Reborn?</i> by Alix Klingenberg
Carol	<i>Once in Royal David's City</i>
Homily	<i>On This Shining Night</i> Rev. Steven Protzman
Lighting of the Candles As we light our candles, please join in singing <i>Dona Nobis Pacem</i>	
Reading	<i>Now is the Moment of Magic</i> by Rev. Victoria Safford
Hymn	<i>Silent Night</i>

Returning

Extinguishing the Chalice and our candles

We extinguish these flames
but not the light of truth, the spirit of joy,
the warmth of community, or the fire of Christmas hope.
May we carry these in our hearts and minds
until we are together again.

Benediction

Song of Blessing and Sending (video)

Virtual Coffee Hour

Next Sunday: The Space Between
Led by Rev. Steven Protzman and Heidi Shaffer

Guest Musician Tina Bergmann, Hammered Dulcimer Player
Tina's participation in this service is made possible by the Harry Noden
Memorial Music Fund.

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. This congregation is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Association. 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. 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 for everyone's safety. If we need to evacuate the building for a fire, a 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 entryway where evacuation assistance will be available.

OUR SUNDAY SERVICE is offered at 10 AM via Zoom. Visit kentuu.org for information to join the service.

Church Office: The church office is located in the Eldredge Annex (yellow house) next to the church building. Office hours are: Monday -Friday 10 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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