

*My Grownup
Christmas List*



19 December 2021
Rev. Steven Protzman
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

My Grown Up Christmas List

Order of Service

December 19, 2021

Christmas is more than a date in the calendar. Christmas is a mood, a sentiment, a symbol. Christmas is a time when goodwill is reborn, and again made real in the hopes and hearts of all of us.

—Clinton Lee Scott

Gathering

Music for Gathering

Welcome

Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Chime

Prelude

Go, Tell It On the Mountain, spiritual
arr. by L. Larson
Vanessa Vesely, Interim Music Manager

Words of Gathering

Colleen Thoele, Worship Associate

Chalice Lighting

adapted from an unknown author

Leader: I would like to be touched by Christmas.

All: *I would like to forget the fables, myths, commercialization and distortions of it*

Leader: I would like to be caught in its afterglow.

All: *Its lingering loveliness, its unfolding beauty, its redeeming love, Its persistent pursuit of peace.*

Leader: Its in-evocable spirit of good will impel me to implement our humanity to all.

All: *I would like to be changed by Christmas.*

Leader: I would like to feel that my words, my life, my world can never be the same again.

All: *I would like Christmas to be as real to me in June as it is in December.*

Leader: May this light we kindle brighten our lives and our world.

Opening Hymn

#224 *Let Christmas Come*
(set to Tallis' Canon)

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

A time of silence, sharing our sorrows and losses, pastoral prayer, and sharing our joys, wonder and awe

Music Meditation

What Child is This?
traditional English folk song
performed by Abby Kuras

Reflecting

Time for All Ages

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

Reading

My Christmas List
by Kenn Nesbitt

Hymn of Community

#248 *O We Believe in Christmas*

Sermon

My Grown Up Christmas List
Rev. Steven Protzman

Conversation Question: What is on your spiritual Christmas list?

Returning

Offering

Grown-Up Christmas List
by David Foster and Linda Thompson Jenner
performed by Katie Grigg-Miller

Extinguishing the Chalice

We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth, the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment. May we carry these in our hearts and minds until we are together again.

Closing Hymn (insert)

We Wish You a Merry Christmas, traditional

Benediction

Song of Blessing and Sending

Go On Your Way in Peace
by Hal Walker
Golden Tones Junior Choir

Virtual Coffee Hour



Christmas Eve, December 24, 2021 at 7 PM
The Christmas Quilt
Led by Rev. Steven Protzman and DRE Colleen Thoele
with Worship Associate Randy Bsh

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.

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#224 *Let Christmas Come*

Let Christmas come, its story told,
when days are short and winds are cold;
let Christmas come, its lovely song,
when evening's soon and night is long.

Let Christmas come, its great star glow,
on quiet city, parks of snow;
let Christmas come, its table gleam,
love born again: the truth of dream.

#248 *O We Believe in Christmas*

O we believe in Christmas,
and we keep Christmas day;
and we will honor Christmas
the ancient worldwide way:
the Christmas of all peoples,
the sun's returning cheer
run out from towers and steeples
at midnight of the year.

Shine out O lights of Christmas
from hearth and tree and star!
And let the warmth of Christmas
shed kindness near and far!
And clang, the bells of Christmas,
upon the frosty air!
And may the joy of Christmas
spread gladness everywhere!

We wish you a Merry Christmas

We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year.

Good tidings we bring to you and your kin
Good tidings of Christmas and a Happy New Year.