



# The Christmas Quilt



Christmas Eve, 2021  
Rev. Steven Protzman  
Colleen Thoele, DRE  
Unitarian Universalist  
Church of Kent

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Order of Service

December 24, 2021

Two thousand and more years have passed since that holy night,  
and still we tell the stories. Still we sing the songs.  
Still, our hearts are moved by the beauty of a birth.  
Still, we yearn toward the promise of peace on earth.

—Rev. Dan Schatz

### Gathering

Music for Gathering

Welcome

Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Chime

Prelude

*Resonet in Laudibus*—Trad. German Carol  
arr. by Mark Hayes  
Vanessa Vesely, Interim Music Manager

### Weaving the Story

Part I: *Christmas Eve in the Village*

Opening Hymn

#253 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Chalice Lighting

Randy Bish, 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 Carol

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

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

Music Meditation

*Still, Still, Still*—Trad. German Carol  
arr. by Bob Chilcott  
performed by Randy Ruchotzke, Ian McIntyre, Jill Forsman,  
Saunis Parsons, Renee Ruchotzke, and Katie Grigg Miller

Part II: *Strange Gifts*

Carol #228 *Once in Royal David's City*

Part III: *The Christmas Quilt*

Offering *The First Noel*  
 –Traditional arr. by Faber and Faber  
 performed by Benny Hovancsek

Part IV: *The Story of Christmas*

Reading *The Gospel of Luke 2:8-20*

Carol #231 *Angels We Have Heard On High*

Lighting of the Candles

As we light our candles, join in singing #388 *Dona Nobis Pacem*

Reading *Silent Night, Holy Night*  
 by Rev. Dan Schatz

Hymn #251 *Silent Night*

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

Virtual Coffee Hour

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*December 26, 2021 at 10:30 AM*  
*Opening to Joy*  
*Led by the Commissioned Lay Ministers and Candidates*  
*of the Central East Region*

**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](http://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](http://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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### ***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;  
venite, adoremus, venite, adoremus,  
venite, adoremus, Dominum.  
[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;  
venite, adoremus, venite, adoremus,  
venite, adoremus, Dominum.  
[O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.]

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;  
venite, adoremus, venite, adoremus,  
venite, adoremus, Dominum.  
[O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.]

### ***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.

### ***Once in Royal David's City***

Once in royal David's city  
stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby  
in a manger for his bed;  
so may we when life turns hard  
find in love our stay and guard.

Shepherds came to see this wonder,  
and to kneel in holy awe  
at that lowly stable manger  
where the infant lay on straw;  
so may we this happy morn  
honor every child that's born.

From afar three magi journeyed  
to that stable rude and bare,  
to pay homage to the infant,  
offering gifts both rich and rare;  
so may we our gifts bestow,  
whether we be high or low.

In that happy Christmas spirit,  
hear the angels from on high  
sing their ancient salutations:  
joy's a gift you cannot buy.  
So may we with heart that sings,  
share the truth this season brings.

### ***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.  
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?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

See him in a manger laid  
whom the angels praise above;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
while we raise our hearts in love.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

### ***Dona Nobis Pacem***

Dona nobis pacem, pacem;  
dona nobis pacem.  
Dona nobis pacem;  
dona nobis pacem.  
Dona nobis pacem;  
dona nobis pacem.

### ***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,"  
sleep in heavenly peace,  
sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,  
child of God, love's pure light  
radiant beams from thy holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
sleep in heavenly peace,  
sleep in heavenly peace.