



18 December 2022  
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# ***Celebrating Christmas: A Decade of Stories and Joy!***

Order of Service

December 18, 2022

*Our hearts grow tender with childhood memories and love of kindred,  
and we are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a  
child again at Christmas-time.*

– *Laura Ingalls Wilder*

Music for Gathering

*Whoever You Are*  
words adapted from the Welcome Statement of  
the Jefferson Unitarian Church, Golden, CO.  
music by Katie Grigg-Miller

Welcome

Colleen Thoele  
Director of Religious Education

Chime

Prelude

*Do You Hear What I Hear?*  
words and music by Noel Regney and Gloria Shayne  
UUCK Children's Choir

Chalice Lighting

Brady Kuras

In this holiday season,  
throughout the year to come,  
and always in our lives,  
may we know we are loved;  
may we share the love we have;  
and may we be the love we wish to see.

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

Sharing our sorrows and losses, and pastoral prayer

Music Meditation

*Silent Night*  
by Franz Gruber and Joseph Mohr, arr. Faber & Faber  
Benny Hovancsek, piano

Sharing our Joys, Wonder and Awe

Joyful Response

Opening Words

Colleen Thoele

## Reflecting

The Last Straw	Iona, Kailani and Katie
Emmet Otter's Jug Band Christmas	David, Lo, Eliza and Justin
Special Music	<i>The Christmas Wish</i> words and music by Danny Allen Wheetman Lo Thoele and David Weaver; Vanessa Vesely, piano
Welcome to the Stable	Norah, Katie and Rylee
The Solstice Badger	Saul, Rylee, Raylynn, Abby, Jo and Iona
Yule Hymn	#235 <i>Deck the Halls</i>
The Christmas Cobwebs	Eliza, Norah, Ike, Abby, Justin and Rylee
Elijah's Angel	Mike, Benny, Raylynn, Jo and Iona
Hanukah Music	<i>Hanerot Halalu</i> , arr. by Paul Riggio Raylynn Rome and Iona Packer, violins
Star Bright	Lo, Kailani, Rylee, Iona, Katie and Jo
Reading	<i>Each Night a Child is Born is a Holy Night</i> Sandy, Colleen, Saul, Mike and David
The Stuff of Stars/The Everything Seed	Colleen and Sandy Iona Packer, featured dancer

## Returning

Offering/Offertory	<i>Joy to the World</i> , by Lowell Mason Kailani Walker, guitar
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 Song	<i>The 12 Days of Christmas</i> by Frederic Austin
Benediction	
Postlude	



*Christmas Eve: The Wonder of Christmas 6:30 & 8:30 PM*  
*Christmas Day: Unwrapping Christmas 11 AM in Hobbs Hall*

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## Activities & Events: December 18 - 25, 2022

<https://kentuu.org/calendar/>

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### Dec. 18 Sunday *Happy Hanukkah!*

9:30 AM Auction Planning  
10:00 AM Brass Quartette Rehearsal  
11:00 AM Sunday Worship  
12:00 PM Social Hour  
4:30 PM UUYJ

### Dec. 19 Monday

6:00 PM OWL  
7:00 PM Spiritual Practices Class

### Dec. 20 Tuesday

5:30 PM Brass Quartet

### Dec. 21 Wednesday

### Dec. 22 Thursday

5:30 PM Tone Chimers  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Dec. 23 Friday

3:00 PM Caroling

### Dec. 24 Saturday

6:30 PM Christmas Eve Service  
7:15 PM Social Hour  
8:30 PM Christmas Eve Service

### Dec. 25 Sunday

11:00 AM Christmas Service

For more information, read the e-nUUs.  
[kentuu.org/news/announcements-events/](https://kentuu.org/news/announcements-events/)

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**Church Office:** The church office is located in the Eldredge Annex  
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## **Our Cast and Crew**

### **Readers and Musicians:**

IKE BRANNAN	JO BRANNAN	JUSTIN DIEHL
SAUL FLANNER	BENNY HOVANCSEK	KATIE HOVANCSEK
MIKE HOVANCSEK	ABBY KURAS	ELIZA LANG
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DAVID WEAVER	VANESSA VESELY	

### **Greeters and Stage Managers:**

BRADY KURAS	CLAIRE KURAS
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### **Stories adapted by:**

SANDY EAGLEN

## **#235 Deck the Halls**

Deck the hall with boughs of holly, fa la la la la, la la la la.  
'Tis the season to be jolly, fa la la la la, la la la la.  
Don we now our gay apparel, fa la la la la la, la la la.  
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol, fa la la la la, la la la la.

See the blazing Yule before us, fa la la la la, la la la la.  
Strike the harp and join the chorus, fa la la la la, la la la la.  
Follow me in merry measure, fa la la la la la, la la la.  
While I tell of Yuletide treasure, fa la la la la, la la la la.

Fast away the old year passes, fa la la la la, la la la la.  
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses, fa la la la la, la la la la.  
Sing we joyous all together, fa la la la la la, la la la.  
Heedless of the wind and weather, fa la la la la, la la la la.

## **The Twelve Days of Christmas**

On the first day of Christmas  
My true love sent to me  
A partridge in a pear tree!

On the second day of Christmas  
My true love sent to me  
Two turtle doves....

On the third day of Christmas  
My true love sent to me  
Three french hens...

On the fourth day of Christmas (what's a calling bird)  
My true love sent to me  
Four calling birds...

On the fifth day of Christmas  
My true love sent to me  
Five golden rings!...

On the sixth day of Christmas  
My true love sent to me  
Six geese a layin'...

On the seventh day of Christmas  
My true love sent to me  
Seven swans a swimmin'...

On the eighth day of Christmas  
My true love sent to me  
Eight maids a milkin'....

On the ninth day of christmas  
My true love sent to me  
Nine ladies dancin'...

On the tenth day of Christmas  
My true love sent to me  
Ten lords a leapin'...

On the eleventh day of Christmas  
My true love sent to me  
Eleven pipers pipin'...

On the twelfth day of Christmas  
My true love sent to me  
Twelve drummers drummin'...