

The Mystery, the Magic, and the Music

Order of Service

December 24, 2023 6:30 PM

Christmas Eve was a night of song that wrapped itself about you like a shawl. But it warmed more than your body. It warmed your heart...filled it, too, with a melody that would last forever.

-Bess Streeter Aldrich, Song of Years

Gathering

Music for Gathering Traditional carols

Kent UU Peace Chorus and Friends

Welcome Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Chime

Prelude / Wonder As I Wander, by John Jacob Niles

Kent UU Tone Chime Ensemble with Holly Wickersham, soprano

Words of Gathering Colleen Thoele, Director of Religious Education

Chalice Lighting

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.

Opening Hymn

#253 O Come, All Ye Faithful led by Kent UU Peace Chorus with Alicia Patrice, flute

Reflecting

Reading The Star Child, by Polly B. Berends
Colleen Thoele, Director of Religious Education

Music Do You Hear What I Hear? vs. 1
Lo Thoele, soloist

Reflection A Song in the Sky
Rev. Steven Protzman

Music Do you Hear What I Hear? vs. 2

Kent UU Youth, vocals; Vincent Swango, oboe

Reading The Camels Speak, by the Rev. Lynn Ungar

Music Do You Hear What I Hear? vs.3

Kent UU Peace Chorus with Vanessa Vesely, piano

Reflection A Child Knows...

Music Do You Hear What I Hear? vs. 4

All - the Congregation is invited to join in singing

Said the king to the people everywhere Listen to what I say! (Listen to what I say!) Pray for peace, people, everywhere Listen to what I say! (Listen to what I say!) The Child, the Child sleeping in the night He will bring us goodness and light He will bring us goodness and light

Offering

The Carol of the Birds traditional Catalonian Carol words by Peter Schickele Vanessa Vesely, piano; Alicia Patrice, flute; and Emily Hall,vocals

Lighting of the Candles

Please keep lit candles upright and tip the unlighted candle into the lit candle.

Song of Peace #388 Dona Nobis Pacem

Reading The Gospel of Luke
Emily Hall, guitar

Hymn #251 Silent Night

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

Postlude Holly and The Ivy, traditional British Carol Rebekah Swango, flute; and Vincent Swango, oboe

Next Sunday, December 31, 2023 New Year, New Intention Led by Ginny Horvath and Worship Associate CLM Lori Mirkin-McGee

Activities & Events: Dec. 24-31, 2023

https://kentuu.org/calendar

kentuu.org/news/announcements-events

Dec. 24	Sunday	Dec. 28	Thursday Thursday
10:00 AM	Community Christmas	1:15 PM	Hobbs Hall Reserved
6:30 PM	Christmas Candlelight Service	7:00 PM	Community Sing
7:30 PM 8:30 PM	Fellowship Hour Christmas Candlelight Service	Dec. 29	Friday
Dec. 25	Monday Christmas	Dec. 30	Saturday
	Church Closed	8:00 AM	Rental - Hobbs Hall Reserved
		3:00 PM	Rental - Hobbs Hall Reserved
Dec. 26	<u>Tuesday</u>		
	Church Office Closed	Dec. 31	<u>Sunday</u>
		10:00 AM	Worship
Dec 27	Wednesday	11:00 AM	Social Hour
4:30 PM	Knitting, Crochet, Needle Point		

Church Address: Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

228 Gougler Avenue, Kent, OH 44240.

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Facebook - www.facebook.com/uuchurchofkent

Church Office: The church office is located in the Eldredge Annex

(yellow house) next to the church building

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#253 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.]

Do You Hear What I Hear? Verse 4

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#388 Dona Nobis Pacem

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

#251 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.

