

THE FIRST UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN CHURCH

Est. 1870

ORDER OF SERVICE

December 13, 2020 | 10:30 am

PRELUDE

“What Child is This?”

English melody, arr. Teresa Wilhelmi

CALL TO WORSHIP & CHALICE LIGHTING

We light this chalice for the light of truth,
the warmth of love,
and the fire of commitment.
We light this symbol of our faith
as we gather together.

HYMN

“People, Look East”

Besançon

People, look east, the time is near
of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love the guest, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim,
one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the star, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
one more seed is planted there.
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
that in course and flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the rose, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

TIME FOR ALL AGES & CHILDREN’S SONG

May peace surround you, may love surround you
as you go, as you go, as you go on your way.

READING

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

NRSV

MUSIC MEDITATION

“I Wonder As I Wander”

trad. Appalachian melody, arr. Mark Hayes

SERMON

“Just as the Garden Grows”

PRAYER & SILENT MEDITATION

MUSIC

“Away in a Manger”

William J. Kirkpatrick, arr. Steve Calderone

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

DOXOLOGY

From all that dwell below the skies
Let songs of hope and faith arise;
Let peace, good will on earth be sung
Through every land, by every tongue.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Come to Set Us Free”

trad. Puerto Rican folk hymn, arr. Lloyd Larson

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WELCOME

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent. The preacher is the Reverend Brian Mason. The worship associate is Julie Trombley. The music is provided by Margaret Jerz and Dänika Kozlovich.

Join us at 11:45am today for the Annual Meeting. Due to safety considerations because of the coronavirus pandemic, this meeting will not be held in person. Instead, we will be holding our very first Zoom annual meeting. We will vote on necessary business during the Zoom meeting. All church members are allowed to vote. Link to [Zoom webinar](#). *Passcode:* 190123
[Annual Meeting packet - Appendix I - Endowment Fund Declaration](#)

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NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. The service will feature the 101st annual Christmas Pageant put on by students from the church school, with special words and music from the staff and minister.