

**“From generation to generation, Love’s Mercy is freely handed out; None are beyond the borders of God’s transforming compassion.”**

--From a modern rendering of the Magnificat (Luke 1:47-55) from the Rev. M Barclay of the enfleshed worship collective

**Order of Service for December 24, 2021: Christmas Eve**

Reflections: Rev. Rita Capezzi

Worship Associate: Susan Stevens Chambers

Readers: Miranda Andrews and Jason Toupen

Musicians: Crista Bohlmann, Jeremy Bohlmann-Little (perhaps Jordan and Ashleigh, too!),  
Jeff Lowry, and Nancy Cramblit

Greeters: Cheiron McMahill, Bob Finley, and Gail Finley

Zoom Host: Liz Kipp

Hearing Assist: Cathi Fouchi

Tech Squad: Treselia Greiner, Mark Spangler, and Todd Schweim

**Christmas Music Medley**

**Chalice Lighting /Call to Worship:** “Fellow Sojourners” by the Rev. Dan Lambert minister at the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Palm Beaches, FL <https://www.uua.org/worship/words/chalice-lighting/fellow-sojourners>

**Music: #251** “Silent Night”

**Welcome**

**Music: #246** “Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem”

**Reading:** From the Christian Scripture, Luke 2: 1-20 (*New King James*)

**Reading:** “The Refugees” by Ann Weems (1934-2016), a Euro-American Presbyterian elder, lecturer, and poet. Read on video by Jason Toupen.

**Reflections**

**Music: #1062** “All Around the Child”

**Reading:** “Breastfeeding Mary” by Kaitlin Hardy Shetler, a Euro-American preacher in the Church of Christ tradition. Read on video by Miranda Andrews.

**Music/Reading: #1061** “And So the Children Come”

**Reflections**

**Offertory:** “A Tiny Child So Full of Joy,” a traditional Norwegian melody arranged by Lorie Line.

Tonight’s offering supports the Minister’s Emergency Fund, used at the Minister’s discretion for congregants in need.

**Prayer/Meditation:** “Christmas Eve – The Ordinary Miracle” by the Rev. Jude Geiger, minister serving the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Huntington, NY

**Story:** *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* by Dr. Seuss

**Reflections**

**Reading:** “The Work of Christmas” by Dr. Howard Thurman (1899-1981), Black American author, philosopher, theologian, educator, and civil rights leader.

**Chalice Extinguishing/Benediction:** From a modern rendering of the Magnificat (Luke 1:47-55) from the Rev. M Barclay of the enfleshed worship collective

**Music: #245** “Joy to the World”

**Departure**