

Order of Service December 24, 2024: Christmas Eve

Officiating: Rev. Diana McLean

Worship Associate: Diane Langland

Pianist: Nancy Cramblit

The UUFM Choir with Mark Brekke, Director

Prelude: Christmas selections

Welcome and Announcements

Ringling of the Singing Bowl

Chalice Lighting

If you are viewing through Zoom, please type into the Chat that a chalice is lit on [your street]:

We are a welcoming people of diverse beliefs who commit to nourish the spirit, broaden the mind, nurture the earth, and build community. May this flame we kindle remind us to strive, today and every day, to love beyond belief.

Call to Worship - Rev. Diana

“Invitation to Christmas” by Rev. Shari Woodbury

Carol: “Angels We Have Heard on High” Words and music: Traditional French Carol

Story for All Ages

“Refuge”

by Anne Booth and Sam Usher

Carol: “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”

Words: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Music: traditional English melody

Offering to benefit the Minister's Discretionary Fund

Offertory (Choir)

"Star of Wonder"

Words and Music by Terre Roche, (c) 1991 Terre Roche. Permissions granted by Terre Roche at <http://www.roches.com/scores/sow.html> accessed on 11/21/2019.

Reading

Luke 2:1-7

Carol: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Words: Philip Brooks

Music: Lewis Redner

Reading

Maryam 19:22-27 (from the Qur'an)

Carol: "O Come All Ye Faithful"

Words and music: John Francis Wade

Reading

Luke 2:8-20

Carol: "The First Noel"

Traditional English carol

Reading Matthew 2:1-12

Carol: "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

Words and music: John H. Hopkins

Responsive Reading: #616 "For So The Children Come"

by Sophia Lyon Fahs

Reflection "On This Holy Night" Rev. Diana McLean

Candle Lighting and Chalice Extinguishing

Benediction

Carol: "Silent Night"

Words: Joseph Mohr

Music: Franz Gruber