



KEARSARGE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP
Proctor Academy Chapel
Andover, New Hampshire

TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS SERVICE December 17, 2023

**GATHERING** "Old French Christmas Carols" César Franck

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: "Pipers" Handel

**OPENING WORDS** 

A STORY FOR ALL AGES

A CANDLE-LIGHTING FESTIVAL OF READINGS AND SONG

**FIRST READING: Celebration of Ancient Traditions** 

FIRST CANDLE LIGHTER - \*CAROL: Yule Fires (see insert)

**SECOND READING:** A Festival of the Birth of Jesus

SECOND CANDLE LIGHTER -

\*CAROL: It Came upon the Midnight Clear #244

THIRD READING: A Festival of Evergreens

THIRD CANDLE LIGHTER -

\*CAROL: Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly #235

FOURTH READING: A Festival of Giving and Sharing

FOURTH CANDLE LIGHTER -

\*CAROL: O Come All Ye Faithful #253

FIFTH READING: A Festival of Joy

FIFTH CANDLE LIGHTER – \*CAROL: Joy to the World #245

Offertory: "Variations on Greensleeves", anon. 16th century

\*Offertory Response (to "Old Hundredth")
From all that dwell below the skies
Let faith and hope and love arise
Let beauty, truth and good be sung
Through every land, by every tongue.

\*CAROL: I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day (see insert)

CLOSING WORDS: Yule Poem, Susan Cooper

POSTLUDE: "The Italian Pipers' Gounod

\*Congregation is invited to stand

Music: Martha Woodward







## **KUUF PURPOSE**

- ...to worship and create a welcoming and supporting community
- ...to support and care for one another,
- ...to explore, reflect and grow spiritually,
- ...to understand our differences,
- ...to feel safe to share our deeply held thoughts and values,
- ...to support collective service to the larger community and to celebrate together our traditions and our lives with all their sorrows and joys.

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## Pastoral Care Kathy Vashro 208-440-1855

Music Director: Martha Woodward

## **TRUSTEES**

Jim Vashro (President)Joanna HendersonNancy Stone (Secretary)Donna PeirceBill Hickey (Treasurer)Roger Wells

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