

Martha Woodward- Speaker

Gathering Music – Songs for Christmas

Star in the East, #241 In the Bleak Midwinter

#237 The First Nowell

Welcome and Announcements

Greet your Neighbors

Prelude – “Christmas Sonatina: Moderato” Carl Reinecke

Lighting the Chalice

We gather this hour as do all people of faith---with joys and sorrows, gifts and needs. We light this beacon of hope, sign of our quest for truth and meaning, in celebration of the life we share together.

Opening Words – #617 And It Came to Pass

***Opening Hymn** – #254 Sing We Now of Christmas

***Affirmation of Fellowship:**

May we be reminded here of our highest aspirations, and inspired to bring our gifts of love and service to the altar of humanity.

May we know once again that we are not isolated beings but connected in mystery and in miracle, to the universe, to this community and to each other.

Candles of Joys and Concerns

Words for Reflection – #616 For So the Children Come

Meditation/Prayer

Offertory Music – Carols for Flute

***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.

***Hymn** – #230 Duermete Niño Lindo

Sermon– Some Christmas Stories

***Closing Hymn** – #243 Jesus, Our Brother

***Extinguishing the Chalice**

Let this flame remain with us, a symbol of the holiness we seek, dispelling the gloom, lighting a path to faith and hope, its radiance calling us to wholeness, casting the light of freedom, justice and peace upon the world.

Postlude – #252 Silent Night

Closing Words – #615 The Work of Christmas

***Congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit**

Everyone is invited for refreshments and conversation immediately following the worship service.

UPCOMING SERVICES

December 31- Fiona Petersen

January 7- Jim Vashro

January 14- Tom Maloof

January 21- Barbara Meyers

FUTURE EVENTS

January 9- Meditation at the Wells’

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 be intentionally inclusive towards bisexual, gay, lesbian
and transgender people,
...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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Assisting Ministers: Guests

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## TRUSTEES

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