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Candlelight Service 2023

In-person and live streamed from the UCV Sanctuary – December 17, 2023



Regular Office Hours: Monday to Thursday, 9:30 am to 2 pm

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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP: 7:30PM, DECEMBER 17, 2023

Prelude *Christmas Carol Medley* Paul Nash, piano

Opening Words and Lighting the Chalice Rev. Shawn Gauthier

Opening Hymn #266: *People, Look East*

I. Season of Farewells and Beginnings

Readings *Winter* By Kendyl Gibbons
Read by Karl Perrin

How the Light Comes
By Jan Richardson
Read by Tamiko Suzuki

Choral Response *Jesus bleibet meine Freude** from By J.S. Bach
Cantata #147 With the Chalice Choir

II. Season of Peace, Dark and Longing

Readings *In the Darkness of Winter* By Jennifer Getsinger
Read by Rory O'Brien

December
By Gary Johnson
Read by Keith Wilkinson

Choral Response *Lux Arumque*** By E. Whitacre
With the Chalice Ensemble

III. Season of Hanukkah

Readings *Hannukah* By Aileen Lucia Fisher
Read by Esmé Demers

*A Hanukkah Prayer for a Time of
Darkness* By Marla Baker
Read by Audrey Cook

Choral Response *Hayo, Haya**** Arranged by D. Millard
With the Chalice Choir
Kat Vriesema-Magnuson &
Gavin Grandish, Solos

IV. Season of Yule

Readings *A Solstice First Noel* Anonymous
Read by Karen Bartlett

Revelers

By Lynn Ungar
Read by Christian Malcolm

Choral Response

Glow

Words by E. Esch, Music by E. Whitacre
With the Chalice Choir

Offering

The Three Kings

Arrangement by I. Watkins & E. Dainow
E. Bridwell, violin; P. Nash, voice;
E. Dainow, piano

V. Christmas With an Attitude

Readings

Shepherd's Carol

By Normal Nicholson
Read by Gavin Grandish

The Queens Came Late

By Norma Farber
Read by Patti Turner

Choral Response

Hope Lingers On

By L. Schneckenburger
Arranged by A. Ramsay
With the Chalice Choir

VI. Christmas Full-On

Readings

*You Have to Know Your
Body as the Home of God*

By Rebecca Ann Parker
Read by Leslie Hill

Touch Hands

By William H.H.A. Murray
Read by Diane Brown

Choral Response

Little Road to Bethlehem

Words by M. Rose
Music by M. Head
With the Chalice Choir

VII. Winter Light/New Year

Readings

The Year

By Ella Wheeler Wilcox
Read by Caitlin Quinn

*Staying Up All Night on New
Year's Eve*

By Su Shi (a.k.a. Su Dongpo)
Read by Mei Jia Lam

Opening Words and Extinguishing the Chalice

Rev. Shawn Gauthier

Closing Hymn

#235: Deck the Hall



Please join us in the Hewett Centre after the service for coffee, tea, cookies, and the continuation of the Holiday Craft Fair.

Merry Christmas!

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