

Unitarian Universalist Church West – Order of Service – December 11, 2022

“Holiday Music Service – Surrounded by Wondrous Sound”

The Rev. Julie Stoneberg and Ruben Piirainen, Music Director



1. **Call to Worship** – “What Song” by Victoria Safford – Rev. Julie Stoneberg
2. **Prelude** – “Dance of the Sugarplum Fairy” by Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky – performed by Jess Hamel and Ruben Piirainen, Music Director
3. **Chalice Lighting** – “Winter Solstice Reflection” by Gregory Jones (adapted) - Pam Beattie, Board of Trustees Representative, and Rev. Julie
(Please read along; if you are joining us at home, you’re invited to kindle a chalice or candle there.)

On this morning, as we near the longest night of the year,
we are surrounded by wondrous sound and
warmed by the certain knowledge
that tomorrow will welcome more light than today.
As it has for eons—for billions of years—the coming of light brings life.
May we be awed by the great miracles of light, life and music,
and faithfully nurture the mystery and magic of wonder.

4. **Greetings** – Pam Beattie
5. **Caroling Together** – #226 “People Look East”
6. **Reading** – “December” by Gary Johnson – read by Dave Cicero, Director of Lifespan Religious Education
7. **Multigenerational Choir** – Members include Susan Endes, Kurt Gaetano, Bree Chamberlain, Maya Ernst, Hayley German Fisher, Helen Fisher, Terri Kohnert, Almuth Soffee, Maria O’Connor, Dave Hamel, Caden Hamel, Rory Hamel, Finn Hamel, Nicole Eull, Ted Eull, Naomi Eull, Milo Eull, David Gross, Harold Gross, Aimee Dellemann, Robin Helbick and Fawn Helbick, Sophia Pugens; Ruben Piirainen, conductor; Jess Hamel, pianist
“Hanerot Halalu” (“We kindle these lights”) – traditional Jewish melody
“Caroling, Caroling” by Wihla Hutson and Alfred Burt
8. **Acclamation**
9. **Carol** – “Good King Wenceslas” (see second page for lyrics)
10. **Reading** – “Music Arises” by Arlen Goff - read by Karen Zimmerman
11. **Special Music** – “Natten går tunga fjät” - Napolitan Folk Song (Swedish) – Darthe Merrill Jennings and Rev. Julie
12. **Reading** – “Messiah (Christmas Portions)” by Mark Doty - read by Tom Kruse

13. **Anthem** – “We are Lights” by Stephen Schwartz - performed by the Adult Choir. Members include Pat Ginter, Karen Engelking, Sarah Stokes, Caryl Sewell, Maria O’Connor, Susan Endes, Terri Kohnert, Doreen Haven, Colleen Gresk, Hayley German Fisher, Gina Barton, Randi Kreger, Almuth Soffee, Kurt Gaetano, Polly Ellingson, Jude Christensen, Jim Fischer, David Gross; Ruben Piirainen, conductor; Jess Hamel, pianist
14. **Reading** – “Starlight, Star Bright” by Sheila Moon – read by Mark Steinberg
15. **Special Music** – “O Holy Night” by Adolphe Adam - Kristin Busse, trumpet; Henry Gross, trombone
16. **Reading** – “Magnificat” by Christina Hutchins – read by Pam Beattie
17. **Caroling Together** – #241 “In the Bleak Midwinter”
18. **Meditation and Candle lighting** – Rev. Julie
19. **Special Music** – "Christmas Carol Medley" - performed by Carolyn Wells, harp
20. **Anthem** – “In Winter” by Victor C. Johnson – performed by the Adult Choir
21. **Reading** – “Christmas Carol” by Paul Laurence Dunbar – read by Scott Kopitschke
22. **Caroling Together** – #257 “Twas in the Moon of Wintertime”
23. **Offering Words** – Dave Cicero
24. **Offertory Music** – “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” -15th century German carol, arr. Brent Edstrom, performed by Ruben Piirainen
25. **Reading** – “Merry Christmas” by Frances Manly - read by Eddee Daniel
26. **Anthem** – “In Excelsis Deo!” by Greg Gilpin - Adult Choir
27. **Acclamation**
28. **Benediction & Chalice Extinguishing** – “Boundaries” by Lynn Ungar – Rev. Julie
29. **Postlude** – “March from the Nutcracker” by Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, performed by Jess Hamel and Ruben Piirainen



Our Split the Plate partner organization for December is Running Rebels - Milwaukee.

HOW TO GIVE:

IN-PERSON: Loose cash and contributions (checks/cash) labeled “split” will be shared this month’s Split the Plate partner organization

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'Good King Wenceslas'

Good King Wences'las looked out,
on the Feast of Stephen,
When the snow lay round about,
deep and crisp and even;
Brightly shone the moon that night,
tho' the frost was cruel,
When a poor man came in sight,
gath'ring winter fuel.

"Hither, page, and stand by me,
if thou know'st it, telling,
Yonder peasant, who is he?
Where and what his dwelling?"
"Sire, he lives a good league hence,
underneath the mountain;
Right against the forest fence,
by Saint Agnes' fountain."

"Bring me flesh, and bring me wine,
bring me pine logs hither:
Thou and I shall see him dine,
when we bear them thither."
Page and monarch, forth they went,
forth they went together;
Through the rude wind's wild lament
and the bitter weather.

"Sire, the night is darker now,
and the wind blows stronger;
Fails my heart, I know not how;
I can go no longer."
"Mark my footsteps, good my page.
Tread thou in them boldly
Thou shalt find the winter's rage
freeze thy blood less coldly."

In his master's steps he trod,
where the snow lay dinted;
Heat was in the very sod
which the saint had printed.
Therefore, Christian men, be sure,
wealth or rank possessing,
Ye who now will bless the poor,
shall yourselves find blessing.



