

**All Faiths Unitarian Congregation
Christmas Eve
December 24, 2015**



Music for Gathering	Dan Tudor
Welcome	Rev. Margaret L. Beard
The Sound for Silence	
Prelude “O Holy Night”	Darlene Mitchell
Opening Words adapted from those of Maureen Killoran	Rev. Beard
Chalice Lighting by Howard Thurman	Katie Romano Griffin
*Carol “O Little Town of Bethlehem”	Dan Tudor
<p>O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, The silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting Light. The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.</p> <p>For Christ is born of Mary, And gathered all above, While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wondering love. O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth And praises sing to God, the King, And peace to men on earth.</p>	
Reading “An Old Story” from Luke 2:1-7	Carol Elrod
Interlude “Sweet Little Jesus Boy”	Darlene Mitchell
Reading “For So the Children Come” by Sophia Lyon Fahs	Joyce Ramay

***Carol** "Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella"

Dan Tudor

Bring a torch, Jeanette, Isabella
Bring a torch, come swiftly and run
Christ is born,
Tell the folk of the village
Jesus is sleeping in His cradle
Ah, ah, beautiful is the Mother
Ah, ah, beautiful is her Son

Hasten now, good folk of the village
Hasten now, the Christ Child to see
You will find Him asleep in the manger
Quietly come and whisper softly
Hush, hush, peacefully now He slumbers
Hush, hush, peacefully now He sleeps

Reading Luke 2:8-14

Rev. Mark Bowen

Interlude "Go Tell it on the Mountain"

Bob Way

Reading "More From an Old Story" Luke 2:15-16

Rev. Bowen

Reading "The Gift" by William Carlos Williams

Doug Cartwright

Interlude "Joy to the World"

Donalie Benyak, Joan Marshall, Darlene Mitchell and Bob Way

Reading "Travelers from Afar" from Matthew 2:1-12

Katie Roman Griffin

Interlude "What Child is This?"

Donalie Benyak

Reading "The Camels Speak" by Lynn Ungar

Diane Cartwright

***Carol** "The First Noel"

Dan Tudor

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay:
In fields where they lay a keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel Noel Noel Noel Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far:
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night.
Noel Noel Noel Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

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And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from the country far;
To seek for a King was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

Reading “The Queens Came Late” from by Norma Farber	Regina Kilmartin
Special Collection for the Minister’s Discretionary Fund	Rev. Beard
Offertory “Carol of the Bells” by Mykola Leontovych	Dan Tudor
The Light of the World	Rev. Beard
*Carol “Silent Night”	Dan Tudor

Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin
mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light;
radiant beams from thy holy face
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night,
wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!

*Closing Words by Howard Thurman	Rev. Beard
Music for Sending Forth	Dan Tudor