

Let Every Heart Prepare Love Room



Traditional Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service

December 24, 2022 ~ 4:30 p.m.

Rev. Sean Parker Dennison, Shauneen Garner, Katy Fox

Order of Service

Rogue Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
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For every child that is born brings with it the hope that God is not yet disappointed with humanity. — Rabindranath Tagore

Please silence your cell phones for our worship service.
Lyrics for tonight's carols are included in your order of service.
* Please rise in body or spirit

INGATHERING MUSIC

Silent Night by Franz Xaver Gruber, arranged by Joel Raney
Song of the Lark, Opus 39 No. 22, by Pyotr Tchaikovsky
Sleigh Ride, Opus 37 No. 11, by Pyotr Tchaikovsky
Minuet from Suite Gothique by Leon Boëllmann
The Snow Lay on the Ground, trad. carol arr. by Emily Crocker

WELCOME

Katy Fox

* SINGING

O Come All Ye Faithful

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Sean Parker Dennison

CHALICE LIGHTING

Katy

LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE

Rev. Sean

LISTENING TO THE GIFT OF MUSIC

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming trad. German, arr. by Howard Helvey

READING

“Every Night a Child is Born is a Holy Night”
by Sophia Lyon Fahs

Katy

THE STORY BEGINS

Rev. Sean

*** SINGING**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

THE MESSAGE TO THE SHEPHERDS

Rev. Sean

LISTENING TO THE GIFT OF MUSIC

Arruru Mexican folk carol, arr. by Cristi Cary Miller

LET EVERY HEART PREPARE LOVE ROOM

Rev. Sean

OFFERING

Tonight's offering will benefit the Minister's Discretionary Fund which provides financial help to members & friends in times of need.

RESPONSIVE READING

Katy

After each affirmation the congregation replies:

"Rejoice! Love is with us!"

*** SINGING**

Angels We Have Heard on High

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

*** SINGING**

Silent Night

*** BENEDICTION**

Rev. Sean

OUR GRATITUDE FOR SHARING YOUR GIFTS IN OUR SERVICE

Music Director:

Shauneen Garner

Piano:

Jane Manning

Singers:

Members of the Rogue Valley UU Fellowship Choir

Worship Associate:

Katy Fox

Worship Support:

Delores Nims, Kenny & Suzanne Andersen,

Merak Zimmerman, Donna Barrett

Tech & Sound Team:

Alison Duren-Sutherland & Walter Ensign

Silent Night

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.

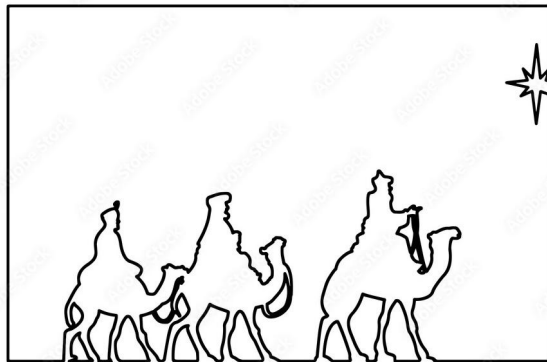


O Come All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the king of angels.
O come, let us adore him. O come, let us adore him.
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation.
Sing all ye citizens of heav'n above.
Glory to God, all glory in the highest,
O come, let us adore him. O come, let us adore him.
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing,
O come, let us adore him. O come, let us adore him.
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord



O Little Town of Bethlehem

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.

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 all on earth!

How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given;
so God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.



Angels We Have Heard On High

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ Whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

See Him in a manger laid,
Whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
While our hearts in love we raise.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

