Today's Music

Prelude: Merry Christmas, Darling

Frank Pooler and Richard Carpenter/ arr. Tom Roed

Chalice Lighting Song: In All Our Hearts #72 v. 4

words by Jeanne C. Maki, German

Folksong

Musical Meditation: Jingle Bells

J. Pierpont/ arr. Tom Roed

Offertory: Christmas Eve in My Home Town

Stan Zabak and Don Upton/arr. Tom Roed

Recessional: I'll Be Home for Christmas

Kim Gannon and Walter Kent/ arr. Tom Roed

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

Reverend Roger Mohr, Interim Minister Todd Ballou, Music Director Gwen Foss, Cantor

Today's Flowers are given by Trey and Colleen in celebration of Nicholas J.D. Greene's 25th birthday!

Today's Ushers: John Angry Dale Compton

Maysel Brooks Jerry Williams

Hearing Assistance devices are available from any of our ushers. **CD recordings** of today's service will be available for \$5 from our sound technician in the Social Hall after the service.

Please visit us at <u>www.1stuu.org</u>; email the church secretary, Tamara, at <u>info@1stuu.org</u>; or give us a call at (313) 833-9107.

First Unitarian-Universalist Church

December 23, 2012

 $"X-mas\ and\ the\ Politics\ of\ Resentment"$

Reverend Roger Mohr



Liberate Truth ~ Radiate Kindness Love Courageously

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OUR ORDINARY ORDER OF SERVICE

ENTERING

Lighting of Candles
Singing Together*
Welcome – Cynthia Zurschmiede, Trustee of the Day

CENTERING

Prelude

Calling To Worship

Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn* #55 Dark of Winter

DEEPENING

Silent Meditation

Invocation

Musical Meditation

Reading #505

Message

RETURNING

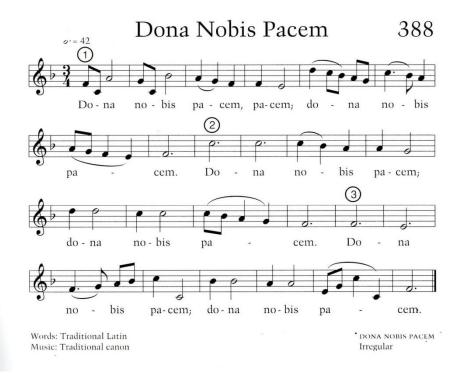
Offering

Closing Hymn* #239 Go Tell it On the Mountain

Benediction*

Recessional

All are invited to the Social Hall for coffee, cookies, conversation. (* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)



Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas

Hugh Martin and Ralph Blane

Have yourself a merry little Christmas, Let your heart be light From now on,our troubles will be out of sight

Have yourself a merry little Christmas, make the Yule-tide gay, From now on, our troubles will be miles away.

Here we are as in olden days, happy golden days of yore. Faithful friends who are dear to us, Gather near to us once more.

Through the years we all will be together, If the Fates allow, hang a shining star upon the highest bough.

And have yourself A merry little Christmas now.

Lean on Me #1021

words & music: Bill Withers

1 Some-- times in our lives-- we all have pain, --we all have sorrow.

But -- if we are wise, --we know that there's -- always tomorrow

CHORUS

Lean on me -- when your'e not strong -- and I'll be your friend, -- I'll help you carry on,

For -- it won't be long -- 'til I'm gonna need -- someone to lean on.

2 Please -- swallow your pride -- if I have things you need to borrow,

For -- no one can fill -- those of your needs -- that you won't -- let show (CHORUS)

3 If -- there is a load -- you have to bear -- that you can't carry, I'm -- right up the road -- I'll share the load -- if you just call me. (CHORUS)

Just call on me brother, when you need a hand We-- all need-- somebody-- to lean on. I just might have a problem that you'd understand We-- all need-- somebody-- to lean on.

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