
Today's Music

Prelude: *O Come All Ye Faithful*
John Francis Wade/ arr. Joyce Jones 1978

Musical Meditation: *Lo, How a Rose*
Alte Catholische Geisliche Kirchengasang, Koln 1544

Offertory: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*
15th Century French Processional

Recessional: *Merry Christmas, Darling*
Frank Pooler and Richard Carpenter

Sunday Sermons

12/23 11:00AM – “The Meaning of Advent”

Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, Minister

Advent is the season of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the nativity of Jesus in the Christian traditions. The name derives from the Latin *adventus*, meaning “Coming.” Marked over the course of the four Sundays before Christmas, Advent is traditionally celebrated with an advent wreath: a ring of evergreen with three purple candles and one pink one that represent Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace.

12/24 7:00PM – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

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We welcome everyone to our traditional candlelight Christmas Eve service, replete with familiar Christmas carols and good cheer.

12/30 11:00AM – “We Are Not Born Equal”

Sally Borden, Guest Speaker

In the U. S., we may say we are all born equal from a philosophical standpoint, but we are, in fact, all born quite unequal. What produces this inequality and what can we do about it? And what resolutions can we make today to mitigate this fact of life?

For the second half of the service, congregants will share resolutions.

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Order of Service

ENTERING	
Lighting of Candles	
Singing Together*	<i>#235 Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly</i> <i>#239 Go Tell it On the Mountain</i>
WELCOME	Dan Secrest, Worship Leader
CENTERING	
Prelude	
Calling to Worship	
Kindling the Flame	
Opening Hymn*	<i>#224 Let Christmas Come</i>
DEEPENING	
Silent Meditation	
Invocation	
Musical Meditation	
Reading	
Response	<i>#123 Spirit of Life</i> (please sing along)
Message	
RETURNING	
Offering	
Closing Hymn*	<i>#226 People, Look East</i>
Recessional	

Congregation may exit to the Social Hall for coffee, cookies, and conversation.

(* indicates times to stand in body or spirit)

Announcements and Events – December 23, 2018

FLOWER DONATIONS: Today's flowers are donated by Trey and Colleen Dolan-Greene in celebration of Nick's 31st birthday.

TODAY'S GREETERS: Toni Tront and Carolyn Ludwig are UU's greeters this morning.

COFFEE HOUR: Today's coffee hour will be held in the social hall immediately after service. Join us for conversation. **Everyone is welcome!**

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: There will be a "Visitors' Table" and a "Sermon Discussion Table" every Sunday during Coffee Hour and Potlucks. Today, we welcome anyone who would like to know more about our church and our congregation. Please stop by. **We'd like to get to know you better!**

ORDER OF SERVICE COVERS: We want to remind you to PLEASE PUT YOUR OOS COVER IN THE BOX ON THE RADIATOR AS YOU EXIT THE SANCTUARY!

RIDE SHARES TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY: If you or someone you know could use a ride to church on Sunday, please contact the office with your location. Your availability will be published among our community to find a driver open to sharing a ride. Please contact the church office @ 313-833-9107 or email office@1stuu.org.

CHRISTMAS BELLS ARE RINGING!!!!

The Worship Committee and Reverend Murray invite you to our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service tomorrow, December 24 at 7:00PM. Let's make the holiday social hour afterwards both bountiful and beautiful; please bring a holiday treat to share. (Kathe Stevens is bringing egg nog from Calder Dairy!)

CALLING ALL AUTHORS: So many UU members are authors that it's been suggested that we put on a book fair. If you'd be interested in holding a book signing in the Parlor, let Nancy Shattuck or Nancy Owen Nelson know! Email at officeadmin@1stUU.org or nancyowennelson@1stUU.org.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE: A special meeting will be held on Sunday, January 6, 2019 at 3:30PM at Dan Secrest's home. All are invited to attend to discuss ways to improve our communications within the committee and with the rest of the church. Dan, chairman of the Communications Committee, will share various church policies and best practices, and we will have a chance to discuss these in a relaxed environment. We'll also serve light refreshments. Dan's address is 18104 Parkside St, Detroit, MI

POTLUCK REMINDER: Our next potluck will be held the second Sunday of January at 12:30PM in the Social Hall. As we begin to add new members, it's a good time to share fellowship and nourishment with the people who nourish us in return. Remember that everything must come and go the day of the event – we have no refrigerator space to keep things beyond the immediate need. If you have dietary concerns (peanut allergies, and such), please do let us know, so that food can be labeled.

CONGREGATIONAL MUSIC DISCUSSION: You are invited to participate in a Congregational Discussion about the 1st UU Church music program after the service on January 13th, 12:30-2:00PM, location to be announced. This is an event that happens once a year to identify new projects or improvements to the music program on Sunday morning. The discussion will be facilitated by Todd Ballou, but you may suggest the topics. Some potential topics may include the choir, congregational singing, congregational participation, song leaders, copyright compliance, or piano and organ maintenance. Last year, the value of volunteer song leaders was affirmed.

Feedback or comments are welcomed at any time. If you are unable to make it to the discussion, feel free to email your ideas and comments to musicdirector@1stuu.org. If you do so prior to January 13th, I will be able to share your ideas with the group.