First Unitarian-Universalist Church is an urban center for spiritual renewal and social justice in Detroit

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December 24, 2013 Christmas Eve Service Rev. Roger Mohr



Liberate Truth ~ Radiate Kindness Love Courageously

OUR ORDINARY ORDER OF SERVICE

ENTERING

Singing Together* Lighting of Candles Welcome – Trustee

CENTERING

Prelude

Calling to Worship Kindling the Flame

Opening Hymn #231, Angels We Have Heard on High

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Lesson selections from Isaiah 9 and 11,

Modern

Carol* #253 O Come All Ye Faithful

Lesson Scripture - Luke 2: 1-7

Modern

Carol* #233 Bring a Torch Jeannette, Isabella

Lesson Scripture - Luke 2: 8-14

Modern

Offering Gwen Foss, 1st UU Cantor

Lesson Scripture - Luke 2: 15-19

Modern

Carol* #237 The First Nowell

Lesson Scripture - Matthew 2:1-2

Modern

Carol* #244 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Lesson Scripture - Matthew 2:3-14, 16

Modern

Choir Anthem Todd Ballou, 1st UU Choir Director

CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Prayer

Passing the Light

Closing Hymn* #251 Silent Night (see insert)

Silence*

Benediction*

Recessional

Today's Music

Prelude: The Joy of Christmas

Van Denman Thompson

Chalice Song: In All Our Hearts #72 verse 4

words: Traditional Finnish, music:

Traditional German

Offertory: O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam

Choir Anthem: Do You Hear What I Hear?

Noel Regney and Gloria

Shayne

Recessional: A Bach Merry Christmas

J. S. Bach/ arr. Arthur Frackenpohl

Today's Ushers:

John Angry Kathleen Jacobs - Johnson Robert Johnson Roger Ziegler

Joy to the World! #245

words by Isaac Watts, music: G. F. Handel/ arr. Lowell Mason

- 1 Joy to the world! The Word is come: let earth with praises ring. Let every heart prepare a room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing.
- 2 Joy to the earth! Now gladness reigns: let hearts their songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy.
- 3 No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground. Let righteousness its glories show as far as love is found, as far as love is found, as far, as far, as love is found.



On This Day Everywhere #249

Words based on Theodore Petri's Piae Cantiones Music by Gustav Holst

1 On this day everywhere children's songs fill the air, greet the child, new and fair, Christmas gift so holy, born in stable lowly.

(Chorus) Ideo-o-o. Ideo-o-o. Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!

- 2 Sweet the babe, strange his bed, manger hay round his head, cattle there in the shed; Mary, Joseph by him, shepherds drawing nigh him. (Chorus)
- 3 Magi three find their way by a star's shining ray to the child in the hay; give their wondrous presents, gold and myrrh and incense. (Chorus)

Closing Hymn: Silent Night, Holy Night #251

- 1 Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round you virgin mother and child. Holy infant so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.
- 2 Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia," sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.
- 3 Silent night, holy night, child of God, love's pure light radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.