



“ Now wait a minute, Susie. Just because every child can't get his wish that doesn't mean there isn't a Santa Claus.” -- *Miracle on 34th Street*

ORDER OF SERVICE

December 5, 2021
10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

Centering Music

Guy Nelson

Announcements

Nicole Duff

Land Acknowledgement

Kristi Weir

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Stephen H. Furrer

*** Hymn**

Santa Claus is Coming to Town

You better watch out
You better not cry
You better not pout, I'm telling you why
Santa Claus is Coming to Town
He's making a list
Checking it twice
Gonna find out who's naughty and nice
Santa Claus is Coming to Town
He sees you when you're sleeping
He knows when you're awake
He knows your browser history
So be good for goodness sake
You better not gripe
You better not whine
Don't spend every minute online
Santa Claus is Coming to Town
Little tin horns
Little tin drums
Video games, you play with your thumbs
Santa Claus is Coming to Town
The kids in girl and boy land
Will have a jubilee
As long as they have broadband
And a virtual Christmas tree
So you better shape up
You better be kind
Don't leave anybody behind
Santa Claus is Coming to Town

CENTERING

Reading

Please join in this chalice lighting with a chalice or candle lighting at home.

Chalice Lighting & Response

We light this chalice to remind ourselves to treat all people kindly
because they are our siblings in spirit;
To take good care of the earth because it is our home;
And to try to live lives filled with goodness and love
because that is how we will become the best people we can be.

AFFIRMING COMMUNITY

Story for All Ages

Santa's Husband
Daniel Kibblesmith

LeAnne Struble

East Shore Unitarian Church Covenant

Love is the doctrine of this church.
The quest for truth is its sacrament, and service is its prayer.
To dwell together in peace, to seek knowledge in freedom,
To serve humanity in fellowship, thus do we covenant.

Amanda Strombom

Pastoral Prayer/Joys & Sorrows

Please send any joys and sorrows via chat or say aloud

INTROSPECTION

Meditation/Musical Celebration

Jolly Old St. Nicholas

Guy Nelson

Jolly Old St. Nicholas
Lean your ear this way
Don't you tell a single soul
What I'm going to say
Christmas Eve is coming soon
Now, you dear old man
Whisper what you'll bring to me
Tell me if you can

Toys are nice, I've lots of them
I really don't need more
The things that I would rather have
You can't buy in a store

Gratitude and inner strength
Patience, peace and love
Compassion for my fellow man
Wisdom from above

You'll find my stocking hanging there
Above the fireplace
Could you fill it up for me?
With gentleness and grace
That what's on my Christmas list
Good Sir, I supplicate
But if you can't bring all that stuff
Some chocolate would be great!

EXPLORATION

Reading

* Hymn #224

Let Christmas Come

Let Christmas come, its story told,
when days are short and winds are cold;
let Christmas come, its lovely song
when evening's soon and night is long.

Let Christmas come, its great star glow,
on quiet city, parks of snow;
let Christmas come, its table gleam,
love born again: the truth of dream.

Homily

St. Nicholas and His Devotees

Rev. Furrer

RETURNING TO THE SERVICE OF LIFE

Gifts of the Congregation

Text ESUC \$20 (or any dollar amount) to 73256 to give to ESUC using your text messaging. Standard text message rates do apply. You can also use esuc.org/give or mail in a check to ESUC any time!

* Sung Affirmation

From all that dwell below the skies
Let songs of hope and faith arise
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah
Let peace, good will on earth be sung
from every land, by every tongue
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice

Postlude

Linus And Lucy
The Peanuts Gang

Please stay in this Zoom Room for Virtual Coffee Hour!



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ESUC NEWS

Virtual Giving Tree: We are happy that we can offer this year's opportunity for generous Holiday Giving for our 8 agencies. Go to esuc.org/virtual-holiday-giving-tree-2021 to see how to give!

Returning to In-Person Worship Planned for January 23: Your Board of Trustees approved a motion to open the sanctuary for multi-platform (both on Zoom and in person) worship services on January 23 as long as there is not another spike. The details of how that works, all of them, are in the hands of the staff. Of course they listen to congregants' ideas, but the decision is theirs. So, please go along with their requests, and please be patient as we work out any bugs.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Religious Education: Today, 12:00 p.m. (In Person): We are back in person this week. We hope you all had a fabulous Halloween. Our elementary students will continue to explore our sources using Lego. We invite our high school youth to come out and talk with our search committee. We look forward to having their input in our search for a minister.

Black Lives Matter Flash Stance: Today, 12:30 p.m. in Bellevue (In Person): Join fellow UU activists for our Black Lives Matter Flash Stance in person in Factoria on the corner by Dacell's Jewelers. We gather in solidarity with Black, Brown, and Indigenous People of Color. Flash Stances start conversations, and then carry those conversations on. All are welcome!

Widening the Circle of Concern Part 3: Congregations & Communities: Thursday, December 9 OR Wednesday, December 15, 7:00 p.m. (Virtual): In what ways does systemic racism and white supremacy culture apply to our Congregations & Communities? This workshop will cover a section of the UUA's Commission on Institutional Change Report. The report explains the necessity for congregations, and the UUA, to deepen our engagement in the work of anti-racism. There is a video and reading in preparation to discuss our reactions to the Report. Register at esuc.org or with grace.colton@gmail.com. Sponsored by 8th Principle Ministry Team

Religious Education for Children & Youth Upcoming Dates (In Person)

- December 12, 10:30-11:30am: Virtual worship RE Pageant! Stay tuned for signups.
- December 19, 12-1:30pm: RE Outdoors, Toy and Book Swap!

Winter Solstice: Tuesday, December 21, 7:00 p.m. (Virtual): Please join us for a virtual gathering to celebrate the return of the sun on the longest night of the year. This is a beloved East Shore tradition going back decades, but we have to do it differently this year. We will have worship, ritual, music, and stories, and are considering ideas for a virtual circle dance. This is a family friendly service.

Christmas Eve: Friday, December 24, 4:00 p.m. (In Person): Our 4:00 Christmas Eve service will be an in-person, outside event. The church and grounds will be decorated for the holidays, and we will have seats, outdoor heaters and canopies set up in case there is rain. Attendees are encouraged to dress warmly (and to remain masked.) The East Shore Mighty Choir will sing several holiday songs, and the gathered congregation will sing a number of Christmas carols together.. plus a surprise musical guest! Please note, this is all dependent on the covid numbers not going up.

Christmas Eve: Friday, December 24, 7:00 p.m. (Virtual): Our 7:00, Christmas Eve service will be online over Zoom. The sanctuary will be festooned with garland and candles, and Reverend Furrer will deliver his Christmas message from the sanctuary pulpit. Musical guests Brenda David and Paul Rosenberg together with Director of Music Eric Lane Barnes will sing holiday favorites in beautiful three-part harmony.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Daily Check-In: Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m.: Members are hosting a check-in every weekday (M-F) 9:00-9:30 a.m. All are welcome! Connect with the ESUC community; share joys, concerns, and more. Zoom Meeting 569 071 839, passcode: chalice.

Men's Breakfast Group: 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.: Relax to reconnect and enjoy each others' company. Our goal is good conversation, sharing and camaraderie. To connect, email lay leader Tom Ball or call 206-232-8720.

Family Covenant Circle: Every Other Sunday at 12:00 p.m.: The ESUC Family Covenant Circle is a group of East Shore families with children 0-18 where the adults share and support one another in the journey that is family life! Families of every stage and configuration are welcome. To connect, email lay leader Martin Cox.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OUR DUWAMISH NEIGHBORS: We acknowledge that this land is the traditional territory of the Duwamish, Snohomish, Tulalip, Snoqualmie, Muckleshoot, Puyallup, Suquamish, and Wenatchi nations, among others. We recognize the impact of settler colonialism on these peoples. We pledge to nurture our relationship with our Coast Salish neighbors as we work to restore and sustain their homelands upon which we all depend.



East Shore Unitarian Church is proud to publicly support the Black Lives Matter movement. This stance is in alignment with the values of our faith and is also endorsed by the UUA. More information can be found at www.uua.org/statements/support-black-lives-matter-movement.

