

# ORDER OF SERVICE

December 12, 2021 10:30 a.m.

**Gathering Music** 

Christmastime is Here Vince Guaraldi John Chmaj

Nicole Duff

Julie Heise

Rose

Rev. Dr. Stephen H. Furrer

Announcements

Welcoming

## **Ministerial Search Committee Update**

## Land Acknowledgement

We want to 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.

Ringing of the Bell		Levi
because they are our sibling To take good care of the ear And to try to live lives filled	nd ourselves to treat all people kindly s in spirit; th because it is our home;	Athena and Ellie
Musical Celebration	Jingle Bells	
Introduction		amanda alice uluhan
Winter Pageant	"A Holiday for All" written by Luna Jubis and Sunshine Glynn	
Musical Celebration	We Wish You a Merry Christmas	
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Closing Words		amanda alice
Extinguishing the Chalice		All
Postlude	<i>The Christmas Song</i> Mel Tormé	

Please stay in this Zoom Room for Virtual Coffee Hour!

## **Jingle Bells**

Dashing through the snow In a one horse open sleigh O'er the fields we go, Laughing all the way Bells on bobtail ring, making spirits bright What fun it is to laugh and sing a sleighing song tonight!

Jingle bells, jingle bells Jingle all the way Oh, what fun it is to ride In a one horse open sleigh Jingle bells, jingle bells Jingle all the way Oh, what fun it is to ride In a one horse open sleigh!

A day or two ago, I thought I'd take a ride, And soon Miss Fanny Bright Was seated by my side; The horse was lean and lank Misfortune seemed his lot We got into a drifted bank, And then we got upsot.

Jingle bells, jingle bells Jingle all the way Oh, what fun it is to ride In a one horse open sleigh Jingle bells, jingle bells Jingle all the way Oh, what fun it is to ride In a one horse open sleigh!

Now the ground is white, Go it while you're young, Take the girls tonight and sing this sleighing song Just get a bobtailed bay, two-forty as his speed Hitch him to an open sleigh And crack! you'll take the lead!

Jingle bells, jingle bells Jingle all the way Oh, what fun it is to ride In a one horse open sleigh Jingle bells, jingle bells Jingle all the way Oh, what fun it is to ride In a one horse open sleigh

#### We Wish You a Merry Christmas

We wish you a Merry Christmas, We wish you a Merry Christmas, We wish you a Merry Christmas, And a Happy New Year.

Good tidings to you, And all of your kin, Good tidings for Christmas, And a Happy New Year.

We all know that Santa's coming, We all know that Santa's coming, We all know that Santa's coming, And soon will be here.

Good tidings to you, And all of your kin, Good tidings for Christmas, And a Happy New Year.

We wish you a Merry Christmas, We wish you a Merry Christmas, We wish you a Merry Christmas, And a Happy New Year!





#### **ESUC News**

**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.

**Nominating Committee Update:** The ESUC Nominating Committee has begun meeting to map out the needs for next year's Board of Trustees. The incoming 2022-2023 slate will be the first Board to work with our newly settled minister. In January, the Nominating Committee will be doing a lot of work to reach out to the membership & gather interest for leadership roles.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Black Lives Matter Flash Stance: Today, 12:30 p.m. in Issaquah (In Person):** Join fellow UU activists for our Black Lives Matter Flash Stance in person in Issaquah at the corner of SE 56th Street and Eastlake Sammamish Parkway SE by the McDonalds. 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!

East Shore Board Meeting: Tuesday, December 14, 7:00 p.m. (Virtual): This meeting is open to all members. Join Zoom Meeting 881 4400 3027, Passcode: Board

Widening the Circle of Concern Part 3: Congregations & Communities: 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.

We All are East Shore's Ministers?: Saturday, December 18, 10:00 a.m. (Virtual): At the October "Beyond Categorical Thinking Workshop," our Ministerial Search Coach reminded us that ministry begins with us. What does that mean? Join the East Shore community as we explore a variety of issues, joys and concerns. Zoom Meeting 816 8030 9830, Passcode: 626689

**Religious Education: Sunday, December 19 12:00 p.m. (In Person):** Join us for our first Annual RE Toy and Book Swap! Bring your well-loved toys and books to trade for a money free gift exchange!

**Beet Picking at the Food Bank Farm: Sunday December 19, 2:00 p.m. (In Person):** Please join us for an afternoon of beet picking at the Food Bank Farm, one of last year's COVID Food Relief project partners. This is a family-friendly, all ages community service event. Please dress for the weather (rain gear, gloves, and mud boots). RSVP to education@esuc.org.

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 beloved East Shore tradition goes back decades. 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 Scavenger Hunt: Friday, December 24, 3:30 p.m. (In Person):** Kids and families, please join us on Christmas Eve for a pre-service scavenger hunt. You'll have some fun wandering the campus grounds searching for UUnique items! Be sure to come so you can get your warm cocoa and prizes! A virtual scavenger hunt will correspond with the 7:00 p.m. service.

#### 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.

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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.