



Some say that ever 'gainst that season comes
Wherein our Savior's birth is celebrated,
This bird of dawning singeth all night long;
And then, they say, no spirit dare stir abroad,
The nights are wholesome; then no planets strike,
No fairy takes, nor witch hath power to charm,
So hallowed and so gracious is that time.
Hamlet Act 1 Scene 1

ORDER OF SERVICE

December 24, 2021, 7:00PM

Prelude

Ring of the Bell

Greetings & Opening Words

Rev. Dr. Stephen H. Furrer

Musical Interlude I

Gesu Bambino

Paul Rosenberg

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.

* Christmas Carol #237

The First Noel

The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds, in fields as they lay,
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

(Chorus)

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the king of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star, shining in the east beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.

(Chorus)

And by the light of that same star, three magi came from country far;
to seek a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went.

(Chorus)

Christmas Eve Prayer

Story for All Ages

'Twas the Night Before Christmas

Sheila & Marcus



Reading

"Said the Innkeeper"

Myles Connolly

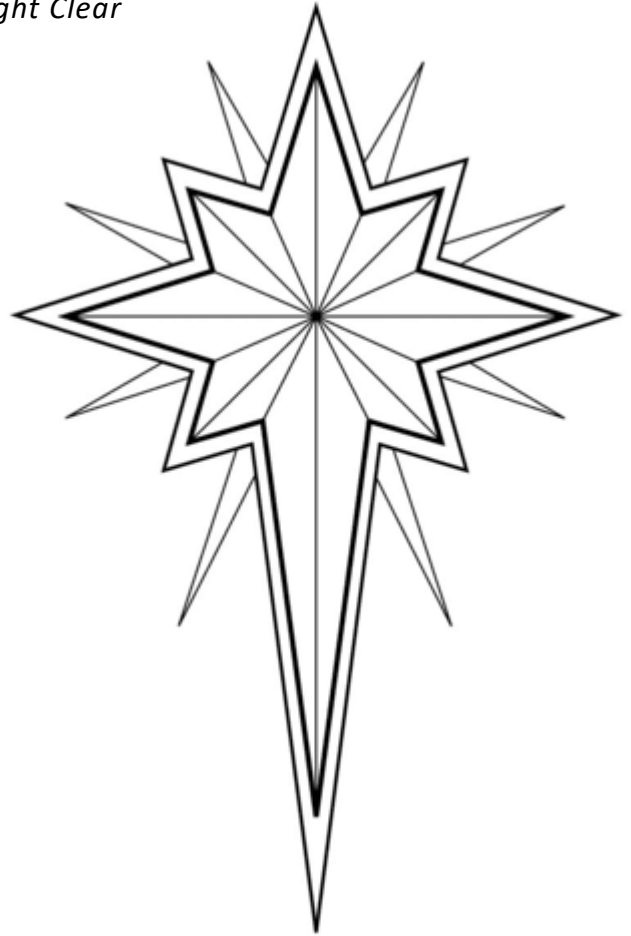
*** Christmas Carol #244**

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear
That glorious song of old
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to men
From Heaven's all gracious King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing

Still through the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing
And ever over its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing

O ye beneath life's crushing load
Whose forms are bending low
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow
Look now, for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing
Oh rest beside the weary road
And hear the angels sing.



Descriptions of the Nativity by Unitarian Poets

"The Three Kings" - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

"The Gift" - William Carlos Williams

Christmas Appeal

100 % of tonight's offering will go help Afghan Refugees. All donations go to the Operating Fund which supports this and other programs. Donations can be made by texting ESUC \$20 (or any dollar amount) to 73256 or can be dropped off in the box by the Sanctuary.

Musical Interlude III

O Holy Night

Brenda David

Benediction

"At Christmastime"

Howard Thurman

* **Closing Carol #251**

Silent Night

Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

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.

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.

Postlude



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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. Please look for the new re-opening plan in the January Beacon!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please Note: ESUC Office will be closed and staff is off December 25-January 1. Happy Holidays!

Religious Education for Children & Youth: Sunday, January 2, 12:00 p.m. (In Person): World building and imaginative play: Join us in the Sanctuary to construct a new world. Bring a pillow and a blanket. What can we learn about community, individualism, and cooperation from building an epic pillow fort? Join us to play and see. Parents are invited to volunteer or attend the Family Covenant Circle in E-201.

Snowshoeing on the Pass: Sunday January 16, 1:30 p.m. (Field Trip): Middle and high school youth outdoors, along with youth advisor Mark Norelius, on a fun adventure into the wild woods of I-90. We would leave from ESUC and return by 8 pm. This youth outdoors program will include snowshoeing, sledding and dinner cooked over an open fire in the snow. You can bring your own equipment or check in with the church about borrowing equipment. We have snowshoes to share.

Young Adult Ministry Begins: Sunday, January 23, 11:30 a.m. (In Person): We are launching a Young Adult Ministry in the New Year for UUs. If you're 18-35 years old! Our first gathering will be on Sunday, January 23 following the worship service, and we plan to continue meeting on the fourth Sunday of each month. Contact amanda.alice@uluhan.org, Director of Religious Education, for more information and find details in the weekly Thursday eblasts.

Fourth Wednesday Book Club: Wednesday, January 26, 7:00 p.m. (Virtual): Join us as we discuss *Cold Millions* by Jess Walter. An intimate story of brotherhood, love, sacrifice, and betrayal set against the panoramic backdrop of an early twentieth-century America that eerily echoes our own time, *The Cold Millions* offers a kaleidoscopic portrait of a nation grappling with the chasm between rich and poor, between harsh realities and simple dreams. Join Zoom 896 7249 9304, Passcode: 403930

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OUR DUWAMISH NEIGHBORS: We acknowledge that this land is the traditional territory of indigenous peoples: 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.