

EAST SHORE UNITARIAN CHURCH

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“Blue Christmas”

December 19, 2023

7:00 p.m.



*We practice love, explore spirituality,
build community, and promote justice.*

Large-print hymnals and a braille hymnal are available in the foyer from the ushers. Our hearing assistance devices use T-Coil loop technology. Hearing assistance devices are also available in the back of the Sanctuary or from the ushers.

Gender Affirming Restrooms are located in each building. A private restroom is located in the Administration Building. Diaper changing stations are located in all restrooms.



*Thank you for silencing all electronic devices. Please ask any usher for an assisted listening device, a large print hymnal, or a braille hymnal.
Please feel free to fill out a card of joys & sorrows located at the back of the Sanctuary or under the chairs.*

ORDER OF SERVICE

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Centering Music

Eric Lane Barnes

Prelude

Betsy's Melancholiday

by Josh & Jasper Davidoff & Betsy Gelb

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Rev. Dr. María Cristina

Chalice Lighting

To Face The World's Shadows

Rev. Lindsay Bates

To face the world's shadows, a chalice of light.

To face the world's coldness, a chalice of warmth.

To face the world's terrors, a chalice of courage.

To face the world's turmoil, a chalice of peace.

May its glow fill our spirits, our hearts, and our lives.

Opening Hymn #1002

Comfort Me

Call to Worship

by Kari Kopnick

Eric Lane Barnes

Hymn #55

Dark of Winter, Soft and Still

Reflection

Rev. Dr. María Cristina

Musical Interlude

Christmastime Is Here

Eric Lane Barnes

Prayers and Laments of the People

Meditation on Breathing

by Sarah Dan Jones

Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice

We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth,
the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment.
These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.

Hymn #396

I Know This Rose Will Open

Benediction

Rev. Dr. María Cristina

Postlude

The Rose
by Amanda McBroom

Eric Lane Barnes

Worship Leadership Today Greeters: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx | Ushers:
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx | ACE Team: Lee Winstrom, Ralph Lutz

Thanks to the Staff; our Ushers and Greeters; our Religious Education Teachers; and the ACE Media People for audio visual support.

if you need help this holiday season please reach out to our minister or lay pastoral ministry team by calling or emailing

HOLIDAY OFFERINGS AT EAST SHORE

Winter Solstice: Thursday, December 21, 7:00 p.m. (Multiplatform): Please join us for this wonderful gathering to celebrate the return of the sun on the longest night of the year. With worship, ritual, music, stories, and dance, followed by a soup and bread potluck. An East Shore tradition not to be missed. Join us in person or via Zoom 891 4558 0311, Passcode: Yule.

Christmas Eve Services: Sunday December 24, 4:00 & 7:00 p.m. (Multiplatform): *Please note: There will be no 10:30 a.m. service this Sunday.* At 4:00, enjoy the unique and comforting peace of Christmas Eve in this service crafted for all ages. We will end the service with the traditional candle lighting, enjoying hot cocoa and a story walk. At 7:00, join us for a lovely candlelight service with carols and readings that convey the spirit of Christmas. To join online for either service, use Zoom Meeting ID 989 3107 9078, passcode: chalice.

The Eight Principles

Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote eight Principles, which we hold as strong values and moral guides. They are:

- * The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- * Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- * Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- * A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- * The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- * The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- * Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.
- * Journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.

Ways to Support East Shore's Mission

Donations to East Shore go to support the operating fund. This allows us to be open seven days a week, offer great programming, classes, and events. Please join us for some upcoming classes or events!

There are many ways to volunteer your time at East Shore, whether you like to do office work, grounds work, or working with children. We are open 7 days a week, and could always use more help. For more information, fill out a form at <https://esuc.org/give/#volunteer>

or contact our Office Administrator Jenny Newell, at esuc@esuc.org



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