

EAST SHORE UNITARIAN CHURCH

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“Winter RE Pageant” December 15, 2024



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



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ORDER OF SERVICE

December 15, 2024

Centering Music

Eric Lane Barnes

Welcome

from *“On a Winter Morning”*
Barbara Cheatham

Rev. Dr. María Cristina,
Amanda Alice Uluhan
& LeAnne Struble

Chalice Lighting & Response

David & Orson

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.

Land Acknowledgement

Fiona, Athena & Claire

Reading

from *“Welcome Mystery”*
by Rev. Dr. Rebekah A. Savage

Lauren

Pageant

The Spirit of the Winter Season

Scene 1: *The Longest Night of the Year*

*** Hymn #389**

Gathered Here

Scene 2: *Gifts of Community*

*** Hymn #346**

Come Sing a Song With Me

Scene 3: *The Return of the Light*

Musical Celebration

Be The Light
Lea Morris

Gifts of the Congregation

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Greeting Our Neighbors

Winter Spiral Dance

Benediction

Fiona, Claire, Lauren & Athena

Extinguishing the Chalice

David & Orson

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.

Musical Celebration

Frosty the Snowfriend

Eric Lane Barnes

Gratitude for the Winter Holiday Pageant Participants

We are so proud of these amazing children and youth for their creativity, energy, and humor in continuing the 2024 Winter Holiday Pageant tradition. A big gratitude and thanks to the adults who also showed up in full force with their time and talents. We've created something that brings light and joy to our entire community and you were a part of it!

Worship Volunteers: | Greeters: Sheridan Botts, Jeanne Lamont, Bill Austin, Kari Leon | Ushers: Laurie Wick, Fran Corn | Zoom Tech Assistant: Ralph Lutz | ACE Team: Lauren Crowder, Bob Weiss, Lee Winstrom |

Next Sunday, December 22, at 10:30 a.m.

"Holiday Music Sunday

Eric Lane Barnes & Special Guests

This lively event will feature the East Shore Mighty Choir, numerous guest performers, and several talented performers who are East Shore members. We will sing a number of favorite carols, as well as some new additions as we usher in this season with bright holiday spirits.

JOIN US CHRISTMAS EVE

Christmas Eve Services: Tuesday, December 24, 4:00 & 7:00 p.m. (Multiplatform): To join either service online, join To join online, use Zoom Meeting ID 989 3107 9078, passcode: chalice

4:00 p.m.: Join us for a heartwarming, family-friendly Christmas Eve service designed for children of all ages. Through carols, storytelling, and candlelight, we'll celebrate Christmas, the peace it brings, and the miracles we share as a community. Let this service be a blessing that restores our sense of hope and togetherness.

7:00 p.m.: Join us for a lovely candlelight service with carols and readings that convey the spirit of Christmas.

TODAY AT EAST SHORE

Send Holiday Greetings! We have cards out for our home-bound members, members who recently moved away, and some former staff. Please take a moment to sign these holiday cards.

Tree Decorating & Coffee Hour: 11:30 a.m. in the Foyer & Sanctuary: After the service, help us decorate the Sanctuary! Bring some cookies and enjoy all the love of celebrating with community. This is also a great time to get to know the East Shore community of friends and members. All are welcome!

Boxes of Fun! Puzzle & Game Exchange: 11:30 a.m. in the Administration Building: Pass along games and puzzles you are ready to share, and get some “new” ones! Drop off your “old” games and puzzles in the Administration Building lobby before service then, pick out puzzles and games that are “new” to you in the Administration Building Lobby after service. All remaining items will be donated to appropriate organizations. Hosted by your Women's Perspective Ministry Team.

New Here Gathering: 11:30 a.m. in the North Room: Newcomers are invited to stay after the service for our “New Here” gathering, which will be hosted in-person by our Director of Membership Development, Nicole Duff and our Membership Development Team. The gathering provides you with more information about who we are, and we can answer any questions you may have. Questions? Contact Nicole at membership@esuc.org.

YRUU High School Youth Group: 6:00 p.m. in the Education Building: Our high school group meets for community building, and meaningful activities. Questions? education@esuc.org.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK (MORE AT ESUC.ORG)

Anthropology and the Study of Humanity: Tuesdays, 7:00 pm (Virtual): Anthropology is an interdisciplinary field that is uniquely positioned to answer some of humanity’s biggest questions: Who are we? Where do we come from? And how could it be that, despite our seemingly limitless physical and cultural diversity, we are indeed a single human race? We will discover that anthropology digs deep into the geographic, temporal, and biological diversity of humankind to help us understand our remarkable diversity as a species. Join us to watch and discuss the lectures at esuc.org/carterclass and click through to the Zoom meeting.

Winter Solstice: Saturday, December 21, 7:00 p.m. (Multiplatform): For thousands of years, cultures all over the world have gathered on the longest night of the year, the winter solstice, to celebrate the rebirth of the sun and the return of light. For decades, East Shore Unitarian Church has continued this tradition. Please join us at our annual Winter Solstice Celebration for worship, ritual, music, stories, and a circle dance, followed by a soup and bread potluck. Please bring soup, bread, cookies, or juice to share. All ages are welcome. An East Shore tradition not to be missed. Join in the Sanctuary or via Zoom 856 3204 5599, Passcode: yule.

Please Note: East Shore Offices will be closed December 25-January 1