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“Christmas Eve”

December 24, 2024

4:00 p.m.



Art by Wenda Collins

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



Thank you for silencing all electronic devices. Please ask any usher for an assisted listening device, a large print hymnal, or a braille hymnal.

ORDER OF SERVICE

December 24, 2024

Centering Music

Eric Lane Barnes

Ring the Bell

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Rev. Dr. María Cristina

Greeting Our Neighbors

*** Opening Carol #253**

O Come All Ye Faithful

Chalice Lighting & Response

LeAnne Struble

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.

Opening Words

Amanda Alice Uluhan

Musical Celebration

Bless Us All

Paul Williams (from *Muppet Christmas Carol*)

Time for All Ages

Story of the Nativity

Amanda Alice Uluhan

Carol

The Friendly Beasts

Robert Davis

Prayer

Gifts of the Congregation: Minister's Discretionary Fund

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Sharing The Light

*Please Remember to tilt the **unlit** candle to receive the flame*

*** Carol #251**

Silent Night

Benediction

Extinguishing the Chalice

LeAnne Struble

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.

Postlude

Feliz Navidad

Worship Volunteers: | Greeters: Jeanne Lamont | Ushers: Beth Wilson | ACE Team:
Lee Winstrom

Next Sunday, December 29, at 10:30 a.m.—In Spring Hall

“Center of Calm”

with CUUPS

Please join us on Sunday, December 29 at 10:30 AM in Spring Hall for a contemplative service reflecting on learning to be a center of calm and peace in a world of chaos. Hosted by the Salish Sea CUUPS (Covenant of UU Pagans) ministry team.

And Sunday, January 5, at 10:30 a.m.

“What Gift Shall We Bring?”

With Rev. Dr. Maria Cristina & the Board of Trustees

Our very own Board of Trustees Members will share with us the gifts they bring and receive by serving on the Board.

HAPPENING THIS JANUARY (MORE AT ESUC.ORG)

Humanist Discussion Group: Thursday, January 2, 7:00 p.m. (Virtual): Join our monthly gathering of humanists for a discussion. Topics provided. Led by John Thompson. Join via Zoom Meeting ID: 897 8229 3617, Passcode: 230276.

The Gift of Aging: Sunday, January 5, 11:45 a.m. (Multiplatform): The Gift of Aging discussion group will be meeting in person and on zoom which continues once a month through May. We'll be reading the book *Aging as a Spiritual Practice* by Lewis Richmond. Please let Rev. María Cristina know if you have any difficulty accessing the book.

Millennial Meetup: Sunday, January 5, 12:00 p.m. (In Person): Are you a Millennial (born between 1981ish-1996ish)? Nicole Duff host an outing right after worship in Factoria. This is just an opportunity to be social and get to know one another. We have them the first Sunday of each month. If interested, please contact membership@esuc.org.

Grounds Work Party: Wednesday, January 8, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (In Person): Come help out for any amount of time that you are able to the East Shore grounds where we will be weeding, pruning shrubs, raking leaves, and pulling ivy. Individual or partner work opportunities available. Gardeners will be all around the campus, and you can check in for direction from volunteers at the Memorial Garden. Adults and youth (accompanied by an adult) are welcome to help out. Bring a lunch and join us!

Second Sunday Lunch Meet-Up: Sunday, January 12, 12:00 p.m. (In Person): Come and join our fun group for conversation and lunch after service at Tapatio, the Mexican restaurant, in Factoria. All are welcome!

Winter Youth Con: January 17-19 (In Person): Youth cons are weekend-long gatherings of UU youth from many churches in the area. During a con, you'll meet new people, play games, be silly, have good food, learn new things from each other in workshops, maybe participate in a talent (or no-talent) show, worships where you can connect on a deeper level with your new friends, often stay up super late (though you don't have to), and generally create a temporary "UUtopian" society. Learn more and register at esuc.org.

Winter Kids Night In Glow Party: Friday, January 31, 5:30 p.m. (In Person): Get ready to glow at our Kids Night In Glow Party! Kids can adorn themselves with as many glow bracelets as they can fit on their arms while dancing under the disco ball. There will also be a taco-making station and exciting games with prizes. Learn more and register at esuc.org.

Women's Perspective "Weaving a Tapestry of Peace and New Perspectives": Friday, January 31, 6:00 p.m. (In Person): All those who identify as women are welcome to join this potluck and conversation. We will show the video of highlights from the International Convocation of UU Women's 4th Convo held in Cluj, Romania (the birthplace of Unitarianism). It was a very inspiring experience for folks around the world.