



December 24, 2021

**Unitarian Universalist  
Society of Geneva**

**Christmas Eve**

**Today's Worship Team**

**In the Pulpit:** Rev. Scot Hull

**Worship Associate:** Deb Brod

**Technical Directors:** Jeff Stibal, Cari Gesiakowski, Jamie Carroll

*Come as you are.*

# Order of Worship

## Prelude

## Ringing the Bell

## Centering

**Introit** "Wexford Carol," traditional tune, arr. John Newall

**Welcoming Words** Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates, Minister Emerita

## Chalice Lighting

**Time For All Ages** "A Visit From St. Nicholas," Clement Clarke Moore  
presented by Rev. Scot Hull

**Reading** Luke 2:1-7, presented by Melissa Auer

**Music** "Still, Still, Still," traditional Austrian carol, arr. Brian Dean

**Reading** Luke 2:8-14, presented by Linus Van Pelt

**Music** # 231 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains  
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

(Chorus)

Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

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Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?  
What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you  
hear?

(Chorus)

See him in a manger laid whom the angels praise above;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

**Reading** Luke 2:15-20, presented by Becky Hruby

**Music** # 253 "O Come All Ye Faithful"

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.

Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, O come let us adore  
him, Christ the Lord.

Lo, humble shepherds, hasting to his cradle,  
leaving their flocks in the fields, draw near.

We, too, with gladness, thither bend our footsteps;

O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;

O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

**Reading** "Winter Blessing," Rebecca Parker  
presented by Rhonda Robinson

**Music** # 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, to all good will, from heaven the news we  
bring."

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 o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

And 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.

O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing.

**Reading** "God Is Always Needing to Be Born," Meister Eckhart  
presented by Diane Gallentine

**Music** "Brightest and Best," Southern Harmony hymn, arr. Shawn  
Kirchner

**Reading** "Midwives in the Process," Jan Richardson  
presented by Deb Brod

**Offertory** The UUSG "Make A Difference" (MAD) Fund & The  
Illinois Youth Center (IYC)

**Offertory Music** "Sing We Now of Christmas"

**Reading** "If Darwin Prayed," Bruce Sanguin  
presented by the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates, Minister Emerita

**Music** # 245 "Joy to the World!"

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King.  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! Now gladness reigns: let hearts their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground.  
Let righteousness its glories show as far as love is found,  
As far as love is found, as far, as far as love is found.

**Homily**

**Chalice Extinguishing**

**Reading** "The Work of Christmas," Howard Thurman,  
presented by David deCoriolis

**Benediction**

**Postlude** # 251 Silent Night, arr. Audrey Snyder

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,

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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,  
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**Thank you for joining us this evening. May you have a most happy and blessed Christmas!**

**Musicians:**

Sandra Anderson, piano; Wendy Evans, violin; Larry Glazier, cello; Kelly Herz, vocal soloist; Andy Montgomery, vocal soloist and guitar; Linda O'Neill, fiddle; Kathryn Siegel, violin; Cynthia Spiegel, vocal soloist, and UUSG Choir: Mark Adams, Katie Baar, Mary Davis, Roger Gallentine, Dave Hanchette, Diane Handler, Rachel Harbold, Tom Haslett, Kelly Herz, Jessica Littlefield, Andy Montgomery, Linda O'Neill, Rhonda Robinson, Pat Vary, Tom Zimmerman, directed by Cynthia Spiegel. Special thanks to United Methodist Church of Geneva, for allowing us to use their space.