



Order of Service - Candlelight Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 24, 2020 ■ Livestream at 8:00 p.m.

Our Mission

The mission of First Unitarian Portland is to create a welcoming community of diverse individuals; to promote love, reason, and freedom in religion; to foster lifelong spiritual growth; and to act for social justice.

Our Vision

First Unitarian Portland is a beacon of hope for us and for our community, a spiritual center in the heart of our city that helps each of us to find our moral compass, calling and challenging us to build the beloved community with an ever-deepening sense of spirit, diversity, and inclusion.

Text and translations for choral music in our services are on our website under Worship/Music Ministry.



On Christmas Eve, half our plate will go to our church's Emergency Fund for Members. This fund helps members facing some kind of critical need like loss of housing, utility shutoff or some other unexpected, necessary expense. It is part of how we build Beloved Community in our congregation.

Prelude

"Gesu Bambino"
Pietro Yon

Signe Lusk, piano
Joe O'Donnell, organ

Gathering Carol #253

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Welcome

Rev. Thomas Disrud

Chalice Lighting

The Weller-Filz Family

Voluntary

"O Magnum Mysterium"
William Byrd

Call to Worship

Rev. Bill Sinkford

Carol #231

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Unison Reading #615

"The Work of Christmas"
Howard Thurman

Carol #237

"The First Nowell"

Offering

Stacey Mitchell, Intern Minister

Offertory

Pastoral Symphony ("Pifa") from *Messiah*
George Frideric Handel

Signe Lusk, piano
Joe, O'Donnell, organ

Reading

The Gospel According to Luke 2:1-14

Voluntary

"Somewhere In My Memory" from *Home Alone*
arr. Mark Hayes

Homily

"Love is Born Again"

Rev. Sinkford

Special Music

"Silent Night"

First Unitarian Choir

Prayer

Rev. Disrud

Carol #239

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Benediction

Postlude

"Il Est Né"
arr. Edward L. Good

Signe Lusk, piano
Joe, O'Donnell, organ



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