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# First Unitarian Church of Omaha

ORDER OF SERVICE
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
DECEMBER 24, 2019
7:00 P.M.



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## Interim Minister: Rev. Michelle LaGrave Worship Associate: Mary Thomas

BELLSOUND		
PRELUDE		
OPENING WORDS	"Christmas Eve" — Rev. Mary Wellemeyer (adapted)	
* CHALICE LIGHTING	"The Candles of This Season" — Rev. Kirk Loadman-Copeland	
MUSIC	"Christmas in the Room"	— Sufjan Stevens
READING	"The Story of Christmas Lights" —	Doris Kennedy (adapted)
MUSIC	"O Little Town of Bethlehem"	— Brooks & Redner
LESSON		— Luke 2: 1-7
* CAROL (#253)	"O Come All Ye Faithful"	
MUSIC	"Do You Know the Way to Bethlehem?"	
LESSON		— Luke 2: 8-14
* CAROL (#244)	"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"	
MUSIC	"Mary Did You Know"	— Greene & Lowry
LESSON		— Luke 2: 15-20
* CAROL (#231)	"Angels We Have Heard on High"	
MUSIC	"The First Noel"	

**READING** "Why Not a Star" − Rev. Margaret Gooding

MUSIC "Behold That Star" Bill Tull

**LESSON** – Matthew 2: 1-3 & 9-11

**MUSIC** "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

#### LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

"The light for everyone who comes into the world." - Rev. Elizabeth Strong

\* CAROL (#251) "Silent Night, Holy Night"

\* BENEDICTION — Maureen Killoran

\* CAROL (#251, Verse 1) "Silent Night, Holy Night"

Recess with candles lit!

**POSTLUDE** 

### **EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

Organist: Patricia Will

Early Morning Risers
Pianist & EMR Director: Stan Harper

Sanctuary Singers
Director: William Miller
Accompanist: J Gawf