

First Unitarian Church of Omaha

ORDER OF SERVICE

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

DECEMBER 24, 2018

7:00 P.M.

Rev. Michelle LaGrave, Interim Minister

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Rev. Frank Rivas, Minister Emeritus

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William Miller, Sanctuary Singers Director

J. Gawf, Sanctuary Singers Accompanist

Stan Harper, Early Morning Risers Director

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BELLSOUND

PRELUDE "Noel" — Bedell

OPENING WORDS "Christmas Eve" — Rev. Mary Wellemeyer (adapted)

* **CHALICE LIGHTING** "Shining Within Our Own Hearts" — Rev. Fred Hammond

MUSIC "Christmas Time Is Here" — V. Guaraldi

READING "Christmas Is Subversive" — Rev. Kendyl Gibbons

* **CAROL (#246)** "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

MUSIC "Still, Still, Still" — Luboff

LESSON — Luke 2:1-7

* **CAROL (#244)** "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

READING "Sharon's Christmas Prayer" — John Shea

MUSIC "Christmas Song"
Mary & Kabin Thomas — Wells/Torme

LESSON — Luke 2:8-14

* **CAROL (#237)** "The First Nowell"

MUSIC "I'll Be Home for Christmas" — Ram/Gannon/Kent

LESSON — Luke 2:15-20

* **CAROL (#253)** "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

MUSIC "The Little Drummer Boy/Peace on Earth" — arr. Althouse

LESSON — Matthew 2: 1-3 & 9-11

MUSIC "O Holy Night"
Bill Tull

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES — Rev. Elizabeth Strong
"The light for everyone who comes into the world."

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

CLOSING "The Star" — Anonymous

* **CAROL (#251, Verse 1)** "Silent Night, Holy Night"
Recess with candles lit!

POSTLUDE "A Christmas Meditation" — Thiman

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

Early Morning Risers
Pianist & EMR Director: Stan Harper

Sanctuary Singers
Director, William Miller
Accompanist: J Gawf

Please join us downstairs in the Common Room for cookies and conversation.