



**Christmas Eve**  
**December 24, 2022**

**Gathering of Community**

Music for Gathering Various Carols  
Heather Howse-Kurtz, Missy Howse-Kurtz, Savannah Ramsey  
Opening Words from *All I Really Want* by Quinn G. Caldwell  
Rev. Rachel Lonberg  
Music 'O Come All Ye Faithful' (#253) People's Singers  
Chalice Lighting Gordon Bolar  
Words: 'Fellow Sojourners' by Dan Lambert  
Music 'O Come, O Come Emmanuel' People's Ringers

**Remembering the Story**

Reading The Gospel of Matthew 1:18-2:12 Bob Davis  
Music 'In the Bleak Midwinter' (#241) Savannah Ramsey  
Reading 'The Christmas Story' by Robin Richstone  
Laura MacLellan  
Music 'The First Nowell' (#237) People's Singers  
Reading 'Christmas' by Lynn Ungar Rev. Rachel Lonberg  
Music 'O Little Town of Bethlehem' (#246) Eliza Crouse  
Reading 'The Virgin Monologue' by Jim Burklo  
Laura MacLellan

**Sharing Gifts**

Music 'We Three Kings' (#259) Savannah Ramsey

Reading 'Night Visions' by Jan Richardson Bob Davis  
Offering to Benefit the Minister's Discretionary Fund

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Offertory 'Christmas Star' by Bryan Klinestecker

*Star up in the sky, Hear my wish tonight*  
*On this Christmas Eve I want to believe*

*You will shine your light upon us*  
*Fill the world with peace and kindness*

*Star up in the sky, Beautiful and bright*  
*Tomorrow's Christmas Day Help us find our way*

***Christmas Star please shine upon us***  
***Fill our hearts with love and kindness***

*Shine your light on me, Now I do believe*  
***You will light our way, Tomorrow's Christmas Day***

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Giving Thanks for All That Sustains Us Bob Davis

*From the countless gifts we each have been given,*  
*gifts of life and love and sustenance,*  
*we bring these small portions to share in the works of love*  
*which none of us can accomplish alone.*

**Christmas Peace**

Message from Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, president of the  
Unitarian Universalist Association

Music 'It Came Upon the Midnight Clear' (#244)

People's Singers

Reading 'Amazing Peace' by Maya Angelou Gordon Bolar

Music 'Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas'

Savannah Ramsey & Jennifer Drake

## **Passing the Light**

*Tip your unlit candle into the flame of your neighbor's lit candle.*

*Please avoid tipping lit candles.*

Benediction 'The Work of Christmas' by Howard Thurman

Rev. Rachel Lonberg

Music 'Silent Night / Peace, Peace' (Powell)

People's Singers, People's Ringers

*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*