

**Sunday, December 24, 2023
10:15 a.m.**

To have your joys and sorrows shared aloud, please write them on a card found at the table in the entrance lobby, or up front near the pulpit. A silent candle on the front table is always welcome as well. If you're online, later you'll be prompted on when to input your message in the Zoom chat box.

Welcome and Announcements

Joe Bailey

Today:

Christmas Eve, No Sunday School

4th Sunday Brunch Sunday, 12/24 11:15 am, Patio

Sacred Harp Shape Note Singing Sunday, 12/24 1:00 pm, McFadden Patio

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Sunday, 12/24 6:30 pm, Main Hall

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Sunday, 12/24 8:00 pm, Main Hall

This Week:

Sacred Text Reading Group (Wed.) Wednesday, 12/27 12:00 pm

Saturday Meditation Saturday, 12/30 9:00 am

Sacred Text Reading Group (Saturday) Saturday, 12/30 4:00 pm

Upcoming:

Forum Selecting Forum Discussion Topics for February Sunday, 12/31 8:30 am , Library

No Sunday School (childcare is available) Sunday, 12/31 10:15 am , UUCPA

Sunday Service Sunday, 12/31 10:15 am , UUCPA Main Hall & Online

Harmonic Circle Sunday, 12/31 1:00 pm , Room 4-5

Senior High Youth Group – SHYG Sunday, 12/31 6:30 pm , UUCPA

Gardening @ UUCPA Monday, 1/1 10:00 am , UUCPA

Brown Bag Books Tuesday, 1/2 12:00 pm

Prelude

The Christmas Song, Robert Wells & Mel Tormé

Larry Chinn

Chalice Lighting

Christine Robinson

Joe Bailey

Centering Words

Responsive reading No. 442 in the gray hymnal

Pamela Schure

Story for All Ages

Rev. Cat Boyle

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Come, Sing a Song with Me, No. 346 in the gray hymnal
Words & Music: Carolyn McDade, 1935 -, © 1976 Surtsey Publications Co.

Come, sing a song with me,
come, sing a song with me,
come, sing a song with me,
that I might know your mind.

(Chorus)

And I'll bring you hope
when hope is hard to find,
and I'll bring a song of love
and a rose in the wintertime.

Come, dream a dream with me,
come, dream a dream with me,
come, dream a dream with me,
that I might know your mind.

(Chorus)

Come, walk in rain with me,
come, walk in rain with me,
come, walk in rain with me,
that I might know your mind.

(Chorus)

Come, share a rose with me,
come, share a rose with me,
come, share a rose with me,
that I might know your mind.

(Chorus)

All who are going to Children and Youth Religious Education sing along in their places
until the last verse, when they leave for CYRE via the lobby

Caring and Sharing

Joe Bailey

Recommitment & Affirmation Responsive reading No. 594 in the gray hymnal

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Song

What Gift Can We Bring, No. 404 in the gray hymnal
Words & Music: Jane Marshall, 1924 - © 1982 Hope Publishing Co.

What gift can we bring, what present, what token?
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
what song can we offer in honor and praise?

Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,
who planted and watered so dreams could come true.
Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship,
for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.

This gift we now bring, this present, this token,
these words can convey it, the joy of this day!
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
this song we now offer in honor and praise!

Reflection

Pamela Schure

Song

'Tis a Gift to Be Simple, No. 16 in the gray hymnal
Words: Joseph Bracket, 18th cent. Music: American tune

'Tis a gift to be simple, 'tis a gift to be free,
'tis a gift to come down where we ought to be,
and when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained,
to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed.
To turn, turn will be our delight,
'till by turning, turning we come 'round right.

Sermon

Season of Giving

Joe Bailey

Offering

What Child Is This? - William Chatterton Dix

Larry Chinn

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Thank you!

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How Could Anyone, No. 1053 in the teal hymnal
Words & Music: Libby Roderick, 1958 -, ©1988, 2004 Libby Roderick Music

How could anyone ever tell you
you were anything less than beautiful?
How could anyone ever tell you
you were less than whole?
How could anyone fail to notice
that your loving is a miracle?
How deeply you're connected to my soul.

Chalice Extinguishing

Kathleen McTigue

Joe Bailey

Postlude

Christmas Is Coming/Christmas Time Is Here, Vince Guaraldi

Larry Chinn

Benediction

All

Go out into the world in peace
Be of good courage
Hold fast to what is good
Return no one evil for evil
Strengthen the faint-hearted
Support the weak
Help the suffering
Rejoice in beauty
Speak love with word and deed
Honor all beings.

Greeting Time

Music Director: Bruce Olstad

Pianist: Veronika Agranov-Dafoe

Special music: Larry Chinn, piano

Guest Speaker: Joe Bailey, UU CPA Church Member

Worship Associate: Pamela Schure

Ushers & Greeters: Mike McLaughlin

Worship tech and online community creation: Tim Berry, Byron Brown, Kay Brown, Heather Chen, Bill Hilton, Kristi Iverson, Paul Kostka, Steve Ludington, Kevin Ma, William Phelps, Pamela Schure, Jesse Schwab, Ann Zeise.

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(Please note that Rev. Amy is on sabbatical leave until 1/7/24)

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