



December Theme: Transformation

You can't have a physical transformation until you have a spiritual transformation.

~ Corey Booker

Sunday, December 24, 2023 - 5:30 PM

"Silent Night: A Christmas Eve Candlelight Service"

with Rev. Mary Gear, Rev. Sara Lewis, Troy Fisher, and the OUUC Choir

Prelude

"Oh Holy Night"

Words: John Sullivan Dwight

Music: Adolphe Adam

Troy Fisher (he/him)

with soloists:

Barb Okeson

"Ave Maria"

J.S. Bach / C. Gounod

Mary McCann

Anthem

"A Soul Cake"

Traditional English Carol

OUUC Choir with soloists:

Curt Hill, Alice Henderson,

& Mo Lally

Welcome

Rev. Mary Gear (she/her) &

Rev. Sara Lewis (she/her)

Lighting the Chalice

adapted from "Fellow Sojourners" by Dan Lambert

Rev. Sara Lewis

Lighting the Final Advent Candle

with words from Rev. Erika Hewitt

Rev. Mary Gear

Sing Together

Hymn #246 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Words: Phillips Brooks / Music: Lewis H. Redner

Troy Fisher

Opening Words

"Open to Awe" by Shari Woodbury

Rev. Sara Lewis &

Rev. Mary Gear

Sing Together

Hymn #244 "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

Words: Edmund Hamilton Sears

Music: Richard Storrs Willis

Troy Fisher

Reading

from Christian Scripture, book of Matthew, ch. 2

Rev. Mary Gear

Reflection: The Holy Refugee Family

Rev. Sara Lewis

Sing Together

Hymn #231 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Words: Earl Marlatt / Music: French carol

Troy Fisher

Offering for the Ministers' Benevolence Fund

Rev. Mary Gear

Offertory

"Lo How a Rose / The Rose"

15th cent. German Carol / Words & Music: Amanda

McBroom, arr. Craig Hella Johnson

OUUC Choir with soloist:

Sharon Love

Reading

The Story of "Silent Night"

Rev. Sara Lewis

Reflection: Silent Night

Rev. Mary Gear

Musical Interlude

Troy Fisher

Sharing the Light

Rev. Sara Lewis

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Sing Together*Troy Fisher***Hymn #251 “Silent Night”**

Words: Joseph Mohr, trans. by J. Freeman Young
(sts. 1 & 3) and anonymous (sts. 2)

Music: Franz Gruber

Benediction*Rev. Mary Gear*

adapted from Rev. Maureen Killoran

Postlude*Troy Fisher*

Next Sunday, December 31, 2023:

“Pausing at the Threshold: A New Year’s Fire Communion” with Rev. Sara Lewis

Please join us for a very different kind of worship experience as we hold outdoor worship stations to pause, release what we want to release from 2023, and enter 2024 with new intentions. We will also have a social fire pit for visiting and chatting. *Dress for the weather!*

Find more details on these and other announcements in the Weekly Update:

<https://www.ouuc.org/who-we-are/publications/weekly-update/>

Tonight’s Offering will support the Ministers’ Benevolence Fund.

With this fund, all of the ministers here are able to help those who request it--people connected with the congregation and others who ask for help. These past few months, we have helped prevent an eviction, helped purchase medicine, and helped with clothing for school. There are so many stories. Together we can do so much more than any one of us alone. Thank you for your generosity.

If you write a check, please note "Minister’s Benevolence Fund."

- Checks can be mailed to OUUC at: 2315 Division St NW
Olympia, WA 98502
- Donate online at <https://onrealm.org/OUUC/give/offering>
- Donate by text: Text "OUUC offering" to 73256 to give using your mobile device. Messages and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.

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