



## Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater – December 24, 2021

### Christmas Eve Service

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**Homily:**

**“Oh, Were You Talking to Me?”**

*Rev. Roberta Finkelstein*

**Our Vision:** An inclusive religious community, a beacon for reason, meaning and bold social action.

**Our Mission:** To celebrate dignity and respect for all, nurture lifelong spiritual growth, act for justice and equality, and serve the wider community.

**Welcome:**

Sue Hand

**Opening Carol #253:**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

**Call to Worship:**

By Edward Erickson

Read by Sue Hand

**Unison Chalice Lighting:**

Led by Sue Hand

*This Christmas Eve, the flame our chalice holds reminds us of the gladness of Christmas, which is Hope; the spirit of Christmas, which is Peace; and the heart of Christmas, which is Love.*

**Carol #255:**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

**“A Blessing of Love and Wonder”**

By Lynn Gardner

Told by Meredith Olson

**Carol #245:**

"Joy to the World"

**Offering:**

Sue Hand

**For online giving:** <https://uuc.breezechms.com/give/online>

**For text giving:** (727) 500-2410

**Offertory:**

“Tis the Season Medley”

By UU Congregation of Phoenix”

**Reading:**

“The Annunciation”

By Lynn Ungar

Read by Meredith Olson

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Carol #231: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

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Invitation to Virtual Candle Lighting:

Rev. Roberta

Carol #251:

"Silent Night"

Benediction:

Sue Hand

Extinguishing the Chalice:

***"Go in peace, go making peace, live gently, love mightily and bow to the mystery"***

### **Our Grateful Thanks:**

**Worship Associate:** Sue Hand; **Service Technical Support:** Jeremy Dillow, Rich Cann, David Feick **Zoom Host:** Michael Kahn; **Music:** Sue Hand, Ed Kraemer and Rey Ifill; **Staff:** Rev. Roberta, Transitional Minister; Anne Gilbert, Campus Administrator; Meredith Olson, Transitional Director of Lifelong Learning; Gary Strauss, Security Guard; Susan Strauss, Custodian; **Pastoral Associates:** Kathy Krohn, Pan Godchaux, Bill Foley, Lauren Logan, Ann Myers



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#### Flowers for Sunday Services

If you would like to supply the flowers for an upcoming Sunday service in honor of a special event or person in your life, please email Ana " Soledad " Vaquer at [soledad.loba1@gmail.com](mailto:soledad.loba1@gmail.com) She will help you coordinate your contribution.

**Special Thanks to L. Wood for the beautiful and inspiring UUC original artwork**





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#### Opening Carol #253 "Oh Come, All Ye Faithful"

Adeste, fideles, laeti triumphantes;  
venite, venite in Bethlehem.  
Natum videte Regem angelorum.

(Chorus)

venite, adoremus,  
venite, adoremus,  
venite, adoremus Dominum.

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

(Chorus)

Lo, humble shepherds, hasting to his cradle,  
leaving their flocks in the fields, draw near.  
We, too, with gladness, thither bend our footsteps;

(Chorus)

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

(Chorus)



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#### Carol #225 "Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel"

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and with your captive children dwell.  
Give comfort to all exiles here, and to the aching heart bid cheer.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come within as Love to dwell.

O come, you Splendor very bright, as joy that never yields to might.  
O come, and turn all hearts to peace, that greed and war at last shall cease.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come within as Truth to dwell.

O come, you Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by your presence here.  
And dawn in every broken soul as vision that can see the whole.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come within as Light to dwell.

O come, you Wisdom from on high, from depths that hide within a sigh,  
to temper knowledge with our care, to render every act a prayer.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come within as Hope to dwell.

#### Carol #245 "Joy to the World"

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King.  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns: let men their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.



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#### **Carol #231 “Angels We Have Heard on High”**

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o’er the plains  
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

(Chorus)

Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

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Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?  
What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear?

(Chorus)

See him in a manger laid whom the angels praise above;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

(Chorus)



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#### Carol #251 "Silent Night"

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.

Silent night, holy night,  
shepherds quake at the sight,  
glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia,"  
sleep in heavenly peace,  
sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,  
child of God, love's pure light  
radiant beams from thy holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
sleep in heavenly peace,  
sleep in heavenly peace.