

**Unitarian Universalist Church  
of Columbia, Missouri**

***Christmas Eve Candlelight Service***

December 24, 2024

6:30 p.m.

**Prelude** — “Bright Morning Stars” traditional Appalachian Spiritual – Compass Folk Singers with members of UUCC Choir

**Invocation & Words of Welcome** – Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon

**\*Carol #17** — “O Come, All Ye Faithful” verses 1 & 4

**Chalice Lighting**

**Candles of Life and Remembrance**

**Pastoral Prayer** – Rev. Dr. Housh Gordon

**Carol #21** — “O Little Town of Bethlehem” verses 1-3

**Offertory** — “Shining in the Distance” by The Stray Birds – Compass Folk Singers with members of UUCC Choir

*An Offering will be taken for the Church Benevolence Funds.*

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**Reading** — Luke 2: 1-7

**Carol # 3** — “Away In a Manger” - verses 1 & 2

**Reading** – Luke 2: 8-14

**Carol #11** – “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” verses 1 & 3

**Reading** – Luke 2: 15-19

**Carol #25** – “The First Noel” – verses 1 & 2

**Reading** – “Blessed Are You Who Bear the Light” by Jan Richardson

**Anthem** — “Jane Jane” Traditional Folk Song as done by Bonnie Light Horseman  
– Compass Folk Singers with members of UUCCh Choir

**Homily** – “Love-Limned” by Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon

**Candle Lighting** – **Carol #24** – “Silent Night” – all verses

**Please remain seated and tip the unlit candle toward the lit candle.**

**Closing Words**

\***Carol #14** – “Joy to the World” verses 1, 2, & 4

**Benediction** — Rev. Molly Housh Gordon

**Please extinguish your candle before moving from your seat.**

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\* You may rise or remain seated as you are comfortable and able.

**Church Staff:** Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon, Minister; Jamila Batchelder, Director of Religious Education; Violet Vonder Haar, Director of Music Ministry; April Rodeghero, Church Administrator; Phylshawn Johnson, Sound Technician