

Unitarian Universalist Society
Sunday, December 19, 2021, in person and online

Prelude Irina Tchanteva, piano
Mykola Leontovych & Peter Wilhousky, "Carol of the Bells"

Words of Welcome Rev. Lucy Bunch

Chalice Lighting Rev. Dr. Roger Jones & Dante Hardaway
"The Shortest Day," by Susan Cooper (text over)

Joys and Sorrows Shared in Zoom chat or to neighbors in Sanctuary
Nobuo Uematsu, "Aerith's Theme," Final Fantasy VII

Spoken & Silent Prayer Rev. Lucy Bunch

Gift of Music Awake, Awake, A Joyous Noel
by Carol Strommen; USSS Choir, Anthony Tavianini, Music Director

Shared Offering for River City Food Bank
Every month we give half of the Sunday offering to a local not-for-profit agency.
Donate by text at 855-935-2216, online at uuss.org/donate, or by check to USSS.

Offertory Vince Guaraldi, "Linus and Lucy"

Spoken Response

May the spirit of gratitude bless and multiply
all that we have, all that we give, and all that we receive.

Message A Source of Joy & Light
Rev. Dr. Roger Jones

Song The Twelve Days of Christmas
Celia Buckley, leader

Ritual of Tree-trimming and Ritual Blessing Words

Closing Hymn #231 Angels We Have Heard on High

Conversation in Zoom breakout rooms & on the Covered Patio

Assisted listening devices are in the rear or in the Welcome Hall.
Our induction-loop system connects to a T-coil hearing aid.

WELCOME TO GUESTS & NEWCOMERS!

Please complete a Newcomer Card to receive follow-up information and
our *Weekly Message*: uuss.org/newcomers or at the Welcome Table.

Find our Weekly Calendar at uuss.org/bluesheets/

OUR CONGREGATION'S MISSION STATEMENT

We come together to deepen our lives
and to be a force for healing in the world.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF SACRAMENTO

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"The Shortest Day" by Susan Cooper

So, the shortest day came,

And the year died,

And everywhere

Down the centuries

Of the snow white world

Came people –

Singing –

Dancing –

To drive the dark away.

They lighted candles in the winter tree.

They hung their houses with evergreen.

They burned beseeching fires all night long

To keep the year alive.

And when the new day's sunshine

Blazed awake, they shouted,

Reveling.

Through all across the ages

You can hear them,

Echoing behind us.

Listen!

All the long echoes

Sing the same delight

This shortest day

As promise wakens in the sleeping land.

They carol,

Feast, and

give thanks.

They dearly love their friends

And hope for peace.

And so do we:

Here, now, this year

Welcome Yule! WELCOME YULE!