

Winter Choral Festival – December 10, 2017

Pre-service Carol Sing

No. 225 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

No. 237 The First Noel

No. 231 Angels we have heard on high

Sounding of the Gong

Moment of Centering Silence

Ingathering Hymn

No. 224 Let Christmas Come

Welcome and Announcements – Rev. Michael Schuler, Senior Minister

Prelude

Noel Etranger (Carol of the Stranger)

Louis Claude Daquin

Choral Opening

Soul Cake

Sting, Noel Stookey, Elana Mexxetti, Tracy Batteast, arr. Joe Harris

Society Choir, Meeting House Chorus, Teen Choir, Choristers, FUS String Band

Joe Harris, soloist; Heather Thorpe, conductor

Opening Words

From Becky Post, Wisconsin poet

*Chalice Lighting (*responsive*)

May the light of joy we kindle this morning brighten our lives,

And the light of truth lead us to new insight;

May the light of morality teach us the right,

And the light of courage enable us to do right.

May the light of freedom burn more purely in our hearts,

And the light of faith sustain our strength.

May the light of hope give us high vision,

And the light of love fill our days with meaning and purpose.

ALL: May the light of Hanukkah and the holiday season never be extinguished in our lives.

- Kenneth Phifer, adapted

Exchange of Friendly Greetings

*Congregational Carol

No. 226 People Look East

Reading

“Visions of Peace” by Michael A. Schuler

Anthem
The Peace Carol Bob Beers
Choristers, Gary Leisman, flute

Anthem
Gloria Randol Alan Bass
Meeting House Chorus, Society Choir, brass choir, percussion, timpani

Reading
"Winter" by David O. Rankin

Anthem
A Winter Day Jay Althouse
Teen Choir

Reading
"The Unstruck Bells & Drums" by Kabir

Anthem
O Magnum Mysterium Morten Lauridsen
Society Choir

Reading
– from *A Walk Through the Year* by Edwin Way Teale

Anthem
In the Silence Jacob Narverud
Meeting House Chorus

A Seasonal Meditation

Offering
Balulalow Peter Warlock
Heather Thorpe, FUS String Band
Today's Offering is dedicated to First Unitarian Society's music program. Thank you for your gifts.

*Benediction
From Michael Leunig

*Closing Carol (with brass intro)
No. 235 Deck the Hall

*Please rise in body or spirit.