



Sounding of the Gong

Prelude

I am so glad each Christmas Eve tune by Peder Knudsen
arr. Wilbur Held
Gary Leisman, flute; Linda Warren, piano

Welcome

Karen Rose Gredler, Worship Associate

Moment of Centering Silence

*Ingathering Hymn

#155 • *Circle 'Round for Freedom*

*Opening Words

*Lighting of the Chalice

to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.

*Exchange of Friendly Greetings

Message for All Ages

Li'l Rabbit's Kwanzaa

by Donna L. Washington and Shane W. Evans

*Hymn (Children will stay in worship)

When All the Peoples on This Earth
(to the tune *The Water Is Wide*)

When all the peoples on this earth
know deep inside their precious worth,
when every single soul is free,
we'll earn the name Humanity.

The choice to be the best we can
begins the day we say, "I am."
The unity for which we sigh
will never come through hate or lie.

The lights of Kwanzaa now proclaim
that when we share our inner flame
and nurture root and branch with pride,
we'll harvest peace both far and wide.

Readings

At the Home of Martha and Mary (Luke 10: 38-42)
B'tzelem Elohim

Message in Music

Bright and Glorious is the sky Danish carol
arr. Held

Reflections

"After the Presents, the Presence"
Carin Bringelson, Student Minister

Offertory

Adagio Alessandro Marcello
arr. Daniel Burton

Please see our special holiday offering
information on the back of the order of service.
Thank you for your generosity!

Acknowledgements and Opportunities

Sharing of Joys and Sorrows

*Closing Hymn

#388 • *Dona Nobis Pacem*

*Benediction

*Extinguishing the Chalice

Postlude (*please be seated*)

Andantino quasi allegretto Georges Bizet



* Please rise in body or spirit.

Special Holiday Offering

All of the offertory collected during today's Winter Holiday Services will be given to eviction prevention funding in Dane County. The majority of the proceeds will be given to the Madison-area Urban Ministries (MUM)'s eviction prevention program and the remaining funds will go to the ministers' discretion fund. Many of the people we assist have been in stable housing and are at risk of eviction due to an emergency, job loss, or illness. Often they are making difficult choices between food and utility payments. Others have found housing after spending time in shelters and are struggling with security deposits. These funds are crucial to keeping families in stable housing. If you or your family need assistance, please contact the Rev. Kelly at 608-233-9774 ext. 112.

Thank you for your generous gifts!



“When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with
their flocks,

the work of Christmas begins:

to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
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to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.”

~ Howard Thurman

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Sunday, December 30, 2018
10 am in the Atrium Auditorium