



**YOUTH-LED
INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICE!**

“CELEBRATING YULE & CHRISTMAS”

**DECEMBER 22
10 AM**

GATHERING MUSIC “Merrily on High” arranged by Michael Kruchak. Eric Kraemer, piano.

RINGING THE CHIMES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS If you are visiting us for the first time, we're glad you're here! Visit uulacrosse.org/connect to tell us about yourself.

CHALICE LIGHTING by Sharon Wylie

This solstice day / In honor of ancient traditions that celebrate this time of longest night, we observe that the flaming chalice holds the elements of the four directions: Earth, air, fire, water. / The lamp oil for earth / The air that feeds the flame / The fire we light And the chalice itself, the cup, the symbol of water / We light our chalice and reflect on the light we need to guide us through hard times: the light of our shared faith, / the light of loving community, / the light of love, joy, and hope.

OPENING SONG STLT #235 “Deck the Hall” Eric Kraemer, piano.

OPENING WORDS “You are the Holiday Miracle” by Gwen Matthews.

TIME FOR ALL AGES “Twas the night before Yuletide” by C.C Williford.

COVENANT

We are a caring community that inspires, nurtures, and empowers one another. With trust, respect, and compassion, we strive to listen deeply, communicate clearly, and act with love toward one another, our community, and the world.

SHARING OF JOYS AND SORROWS

OFFERTORY Visit uulacrosse.org/waystogive to make pledge payments or contributions to our general fund. This month’s special collection is the Warming Center.

Music: STLT #228 “Once in Royal David’s City” Eric Kraemer, piano.

READING by Kendyl L. R. Gibbons

NO-REHEARSAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Music: STLT #253 “O Come all ye faithful”; STLT #246 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”; STLT #237 “The First Nowell”; STLT #239 “Go Tell it On the Mountain”; STLT #231 “Angels we Have Heard on High”; STLT #245 “Joy to the World” Eric Kraemer, piano.

CLOSING SONG STLT #251 “Silent Night” Eric Kraemer, piano.

CLOSING WORDS by Maureen Killoran

Tonight in this community, / we have shared stories, sung carols, / opened our hearts to the beauty of music. / Tonight we have turned to one another, / lighting each other’s candles in the dark. / Tonight we have dared to hear a message of hope / spoken once again against the challenge of the world. / It is time now to depart, / to go forward, to our lives and to the world. / May joy be your companion, / whether you are with others or alone. / May love be your strength, / and may the gift of community dwell in your heart, / for here, in this place, you will be welcome always, / whenever you choose, whenever you need.

CHALICE EXTINGUISHING by Elizabeth Selle Jones

We extinguish this flame / but not the light of truth, / the warmth of community, / or the fire of commitment. / These we carry in our hearts / until we are together again.

POSTLUDE “Greensleeves” arranged by Arreglos de Ruben Guzman. Eric Kraemer, piano.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

No Service Next Sunday

Join us on January 5th for Poetry Sunday!