



ORDER OF SERVICE
Sunday, December 17, 2023
Music this morning is given by
USG Music Director Baker Purdon and the
Chancel Choir



Greet Your Neighbors		Rev. Cheryl M. Walker
Hymn #413 (hardback)	<i>Go Now in Peace</i>	All
Welcome & Announcements		Judy Rodes
Ringing of the Prayer Bowl		Rev. Cheryl
Carol #235 (hardback)	<i>Deck the Halls</i>	
Chalice Lighting		Judy Rodes
Song	<i>Silver Bells</i> Livingston and Evans	
Joys and Sorrows		Judy Rodes
Song	<i>I'll Be Home for Christmas</i> Kent, Gannon, and Ram	
Reading		
Carol #244 (hardback)	<i>It Came Upon a Midnight Clear</i>	
Interlude	<i>Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas</i> Martin and Blanc	
Homily		Rev. Cheryl M. Walker
Carol	<i>Gods Rest Ye, Unitarians</i>	(see 2 nd page)
Share The Plate	Interim House	
Offertory	<i>What Child is This?</i> arr. Mark Hayes	
Closing Words		Rev. Cheryl

Extinguishing the Chalice

All

*We extinguish our chalice but the flame remains in us,
As we live into the mission of this congregation:
Building Beloved Community with Compassion, Service and
Empowerment*

Postlude

*Postlude on *Unto Us is Born a Son*,
arr. Baker Purdon;

Tune, *Puer Nobis Nascitur* from *Piae Cantiones*, 1582

*Written to celebrate the finished repair of USG's organ

Benediction

Rev. Cheryl

Gods Rest Ye, Unitarians

Lyrics by the Rev. Christopher Gist Raible of the First Unitarian Church
of Worcester

(To the tune of "God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen")

Gods rest ye, Unitarians, let nothing you dismay
Remember there's no evidence there was a Christmas Day.
When Christ was born is just not known, no matter what they say.
O, Tidings of reason and fact, reason and fact,
Glad tidings of reason and fact.

Our current Christmas customs come from Persia and from Greece,
From solstice celebrations of the ancient Middle East.
This whole darn Christmas spiel is just another pagan feast.
O, Tidings of reason and fact, reason and fact,
Glad tidings of reason and fact.

There was no star of Bethlehem, there was no angels' song,
There could not have been wise men for the trip would take too long.
The stories in the Bible are historically wrong.
O, Tidings of reason and fact, reason and fact,
Glad tidings of reason and fact!

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