

Recorded Gathering Music “Winter Night” Shelley J. Denham

Welcome Song “O Come, All Ye Faithful” words & music: John Francis Wade
#253 In *Singing The Living Tradition*

Welcome Martha McGovern, worship leader

Acknowledging Native Lands
Honoring Indigenous People *Circle of Life*

Chalice Lighting #448 Christine Robinson
We gather this hour as people of faith, with joys and sorrows, gifts and needs.
We light this beacon of hope, sign of our quest for truth and meaning,
in celebration of the life we share together.

Advent Wreath Lighting

FUUSM Choir “Season of Light” Jacob Narverud; Martha Webster, director

Stories of Old

Responsive Reading

Leader: Come sit by the fire and share stories of old,
bright visions of time and of wonders we’re told.
Surrounded by comfort and stillness of night,

Congregation: We live in the memories of the season of light.

Lyrics to “Season of Light,” by Jacob Narverud

Bible Reading Composite includes Luke 2:1–20 and Matthew 2:1–11 (New Testament)

Story “Humphrey’s First Christmas” by Carol Heyer, read by Ann Marie Paden

Readings #616 “For So the Children Come” Sophia Lyon Fahs
“A Baby Was Born” Gwen Matthews

Collection of Offerings

Offertory “Galliaro” Peter Philips
“Greensleeves” Traditional English Folk Song

“Greensleeves” is a musical composition with its roots in Tudor England. The original composition of this song was 18 verses long and appeared in a Medieval book, *A Handful of Pleasant Delights*, in 1584, in the form of *A New Courtly Sonnet of the Lady Green Sleeves*. The lyrics of the carol “What Child Is This” were written by the British writer & composer William C. Dix in 1865. He set the words to the tune of “Greensleeves” in 1871.

Oneness of Nature

Responsive Reading

Leader: Come join in the cheer of the fresh falling snow,
where wonder and radiance set hearts all aglow.

For a moment on Earth all that’s wrong turns to right

Congregation: And we’re warm in the spirit of the season of light.

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Poem “First Snow” Mary Oliver

Centering Music “Nightbook” Ludovico Einaudi

Poem “White-Eyes” Mary Oliver



Candlelight Ceremony



"I share my light with you"

Family Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

First Unitarian Universalist Society of Marietta

232 Third St. Marietta, OH www.fuusm.org

7 p.m., Sunday December 24, 2023

Give light and people will find a way (3x)

People will find a way I do believe.

words by Ella Baker; music by Terry Leonino

In the ceremony, two light-carriers will orchestrate the lighting of the candles by moving pew by pew from front to back. Please wait until they come to your pew and model the sharing of the light by saying,
"I share my light with you."

Congregational Carol #251 "Silent Night" verses 1-3
in *Singing The Living Tradition*

words: Joseph Mohr
music: Franz Xavier Gruber

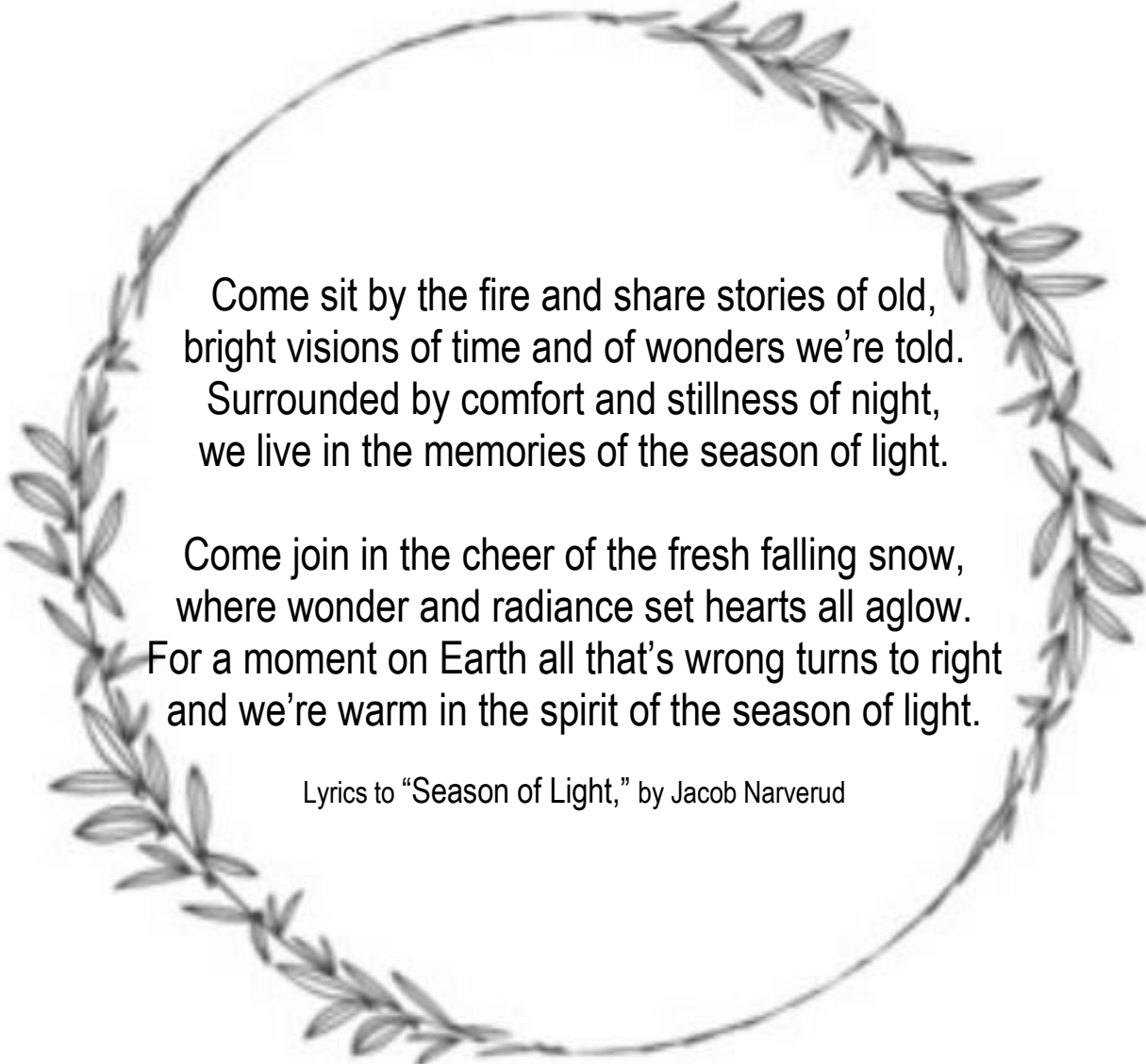
Closing Words "American Ramble: A Walk of Memory and Renewal" Neil King Jr.

Benediction "Peace, Salaam, Shalom"
Extinguishing the Chalice and Candles

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Recessional Hymn "Joy to the World"
#245 in *Singing The Living Tradition*

words: Isaac Watts
music: *Methodist Collection of Tunes*



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Happy Holidays