

RoG Christmas Eve OOS – 12-24-24

Prelude “Christmastime is Here” (Guaraldi and Mendelson)

Gathering Carol -- “O Come All Ye Faithful” (John Francis Wade)

Gathering Words “Welcome All Ye” (Webb)

Chalice Lighting

*To a world so much in darkness
We kindle this flame
For life born anew
On the earth
And in our hearts
That peace may come
The whole world round.
For this is the Season of Light,*

Covenant

*Love is the spirit of this congregation
and service is its law.
This is our great covenant:
To dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in love,
and to help one another.*

*EL AMOR ES EL ESPÍRITU DE ESTA CONGREGACIÓN.
Y EL SERVICIO SU LEY PRINCIPAL.
ESTA ES NUESTRA GRAN PROMESA:
VIVIR JUNTOS EN PAZ, BUSCAR LA VERDAD
A TRAVÉS DEL AMOR,
Y AYUDARNOS MUTUAMENTE.*

Reading – “Come Christmas” (Maureen Killoran)

Music – “Welcome Christmas” (Dr. Seuss and Albert Hague)

Reading – “Christmas is Subversive” (Kendyl R. Gibbons)

Music – “The First Noel” (Traditional)

Reading – The Gospel According to Luke

Music – “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” (Edmund Sears and Richard Storrs Willis)

Reading – The Gospel According to Matthew

Music – Bach: Ave Maria Gounod

Homily – “Home by Another Way”

Music – “We Three Kings” (John Henry Hopkins, Jr.)

Offering –

Offeratory— “Alegría!” (Traditional Puerto Rican folk song)

Reading – “Amazing Peace” (Maya Angelou)

Reading – “And So We Light Our Candles”

Candle Lighting – “Silent Night” (Joseph Mohr and Franx Xaver Gruber)

Blessing – “The Work of Christmas” (Howard Thurman)

Chalice Release

Reprise – “We Three Kings” (instrumental jazz)