

## **THIRD SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS - ORDER OF SERVICE**

**December 10, 2006      9:15 & 11:15 a.m.**

**\* Gathering Song** (Sung by the congregation - #347)

Gather the spirit, harvest the power.  
Our separate fires will kindle one flame.  
Witness the mystery of this hour.  
Our trials in this light appear all the same.  
Gather in peace, gather in thanks.  
Gather in sympathy now and then.  
Gather in hope, compassion and strength.  
Gather to celebrate once again.

**\* Call to Worship**

**\* Lighting the Chalice** (spoken in unison)

We light this chalice  
For the renewal of faith,  
The wonder of hope,  
The beauty of love,  
And the gift of joy.

**\* Musical Response** (Sung by the congregation - #224)

Let Christmas come, its story told,  
when days are short and winds are cold;  
let Christmas come, its lovely song,  
when evening's soon and night is long.

+++++Latecomers may be seated+++++

**Responsive Reading**

MINISTER: On this third Sunday of the Christmas season, we celebrate the miracle of love, the creative power linking each to all, enabling us to find life good and beautiful.

CONGREGATION: Though I speak in human tongues or that of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

MINISTER: And though I have the gift of prophesy and understand all mysteries, and though I have all knowledge, and faith strong enough to move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

CONGREGATION: Love is patient and kind, and envies no one. Love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude.

MINISTER: Love does not insist on its own way. It is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right.

CONGREGATION: Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things.

MINISTER: Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will fail; as for speech, it will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.

CONGREGATION: Faith, hope, and love remain; but of these three, the greatest is love.

(St. Paul, I Corinthians 13; Duncan E. Littlefair, adapted)

**Lighting the Candle of Love**

9:15: Alethea Westlund  
11:15: Elizabeth Dennison

\* Hymn #226

“People, Look East”

**Singing Out the Children**

Go now in peace. Go now in peace.  
May the spirit of love surround you  
Everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

**Congregational Announcements**

**Offering & Offertory**

**Joys & Sorrows**

**Meditative Reading, Period of Silence, Musical Response**

**Reading**

**Special Music**

**Sermon**

“What Moves Us Emotionally”

**Closing Hymn #10**

“Immortal Love”

**\* Benediction & Extinguishing the Chalice**

**\* Closing Song #388**

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

Dona nobis pacem, pacem; dona nobis pacem.  
Dona nobis pacem; dona nobis pacem.  
Dona nobis pacem; dona nobis pacem.

\* Please rise as willing and able

**Hearing assistance devices** are available to the left of the sanctuary door as you enter the building.

**Tapes of Sunday Services** can be ordered in the back of the sanctuary to the left of the front door (\$3). **Print** versions can be made from our website, [www.quuf.org](http://www.quuf.org).

**SPECIAL MUSIC FOR TODAY'S SERVICES**

**FIRST SERVICE:**

Special Music: “Po La'iE” (Hawaiian Silent Night with Peace Carol) “Silent Night” by Franz Gruber; “Peace Carol” by Linda Spevacek-Avery. Performed by QUUF choir.

**SECOND SERVICE:**

Musical Response: Pietro Iona, “Gesu bambino”.

Special Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, Variations on a Theme from Handel's "Judas Maccabaeus" (excerpt).

Guest musician: Sylvia Sterling, violoncello.

**UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Next Week's Service, December 17, 9:15 & 11:15 a.m. Rev. Bode and Paul Becker.** Theme: “Evolving Christmas” – On this fourth Sunday of the Christmas season, we light the Candle of Joy. Paul Becker, of Jewish heritage, and Bruce Bode, of Protestant heritage, will speak about the evolution of Christmas in their lives.

**Guest At Your Table** - If you did not receive a box last week for this program, please take one. Instructions are inserted in each box. This is one of the ways we support the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee.

**“AN EVENING WITH ROBERT FULGHUM”**  
**Saturday, February 3, 2007, 7:00 P.M., Wheeler Theatre**

Our Sunday Services Committee will be selling advance tickets today for an appearance by Robert Fulghum (who will also be our guest in the pulpit on Sunday, Feb. 4). His performance the evening before, Feb. 3, will be at the Wheeler Theatre. Tickets (advance, \$5; at the door if still available, \$8) and more info are available at the back of the sanctuary today, at our office, or at Quimper Sound. Might make a nice Christmas gift. Tickets are going fast!

### **WINTER IN THE ALPS**

**Brochures for the upcoming winter ALPS classes** are now available at the back of the sanctuary and sign-up is underway in the back of the sanctuary at the clipboard rack. Titles, times, and facilitators of classes as follows:

**“Darwinian Evolution,”** Fred Weinmann, Thursdays, Jan. 11-Feb. 1, 7-9 p.m.

**“Healthy Children, Healthy Planet,”** Helen Kolff, Thursdays, Jan. 18-Mar. 15, 7-9 p.m.

**“The Poetry of Emily Dickinson,”** Bruce Bode, Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m., and Fridays, Feb. 2-Mar. 30, 10 a.m.-12 noon.

**“Intentional Communities: Condos, CoHousing, EcoVillages and Communes,”** Kees Kolff, Tuesdays, Feb. 6-27, 7-9 p.m.

**“Our American Roots: A History of Unitarians and Universalists in America,”** Jan Forrest, bi-weekly Saturdays, Feb. 3-Mar. 31, 2-3:30 p.m.

**“Brain and Mind,”** Jim Oakland, Wednesdays, Feb 7-Mar. 14, 5-7 p.m.

**“At The Root of This Longing: Reconciling a Spiritual Hunger and a Feminist Thirst,”** Robin Stemen, Thursdays, Feb. 8-22, 7-9 p.m.

**Photo Album Missing!** In our archives we have a three-ring binder that holds **photos of the church’s building process**. Do YOU know where it is? If so, please let Karen Page or the Office know as soon as possible. Thanks.

### **THIS MONTH’S DESIGNATED OFFERINGS**

**December 10 – Support for YRUU Trip to Bay St. Louis** – An offering to defray the expenses of about ten of our high-school age youth who are planning a week’s trip over the President’s Day week from February 13-20 to help rebuild houses in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi as part of Port Townsend’s Sister City Project.

**December 24 (Christmas Eve)** – Offerings from our 3 evenings services (no day services) will, like last year, support the Emergency Fund of the East Jefferson County Ministerial Association and the Church Hospitality for the Homeless Project (with which our congregation is currently involved).

**NOTE:** All cash goes to the designated organization unless you use a QUUF envelope found at the back of the sanctuary or carried by our ushers. Please make all checks payable to QUUF, using the memo line to indicate the recipients and amounts, e.g., designated organization, your QUUF pledge, or a QUUF contribution.

### **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

**(No Sunday December 24 day services):**

**Children’s Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5:00 p.m.** – This service is geared to children, their parents and grandparents. Children will enact the Christmas story and each child will receive his or her own candle for the service.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Services, 7:00 & 9:00 p.m.** – Traditional Christmas hymns will be sung by the congregation at both services. Beatus Meier and special guest soloist, Kristine Janssen, will provide the special music at both services. Rev. Bode will speak under the title, “Everything Is Holy Now.” Both services will conclude with the lighting of individual candles and the singing of “Silent Night.”

**Christmas Eve Pageant** – Sign-up for the Pageant continues until Dec 17th. Mary and Joseph are spoken for, but more angels and shepherds to attend them would be welcomed and valued. Rehearsal is scheduled for Tues., Dec 19th at 4:30. Contact Kathy.

A **Christmas Day Fellowship Potluck Dinner** will be held in the sanctuary **at 2 p.m. on Christmas Day, Monday, Dec. 25.** If you wish to be part of such a gathering, please indicate your interest by signing up at the back of the sanctuary.

**Great Holiday Gifts:** “Quimper Pieces,” 20 original piano compositions by Beatus Meier (\$15).

UU sweatshirts at \$15 and QUUF cookbooks for \$10 (2 for \$15). See Rod Mitchell or call 385-5277.

QUUF’s participation in the **Church Hosting for the Homeless Program** begins this Sunday, Dec. 10 and runs through next Sunday morning. We will also have the week of Jan. 7-13. Fortunately, this year the American Legion Hall in downtown Port Townsend will provide the shelter with the churches providing food, fellowship, and night monitoring. If you would like to be a part of this and haven’t yet signed up, please contact Joyce O’Neal at [joyjoy@olypen.com](mailto:joyjoy@olypen.com) or David Ditzler at [dditzler@aol.com](mailto:dditzler@aol.com), phone 437-0792.

**The Early Bird Book Discussion Group**, which meets each Sunday from 7:50-8:50 a.m., in RE#2., will begin discussing **Sam Harris’ book, The End of Faith, on Sunday, January 7.** All welcome. For books contact Rev. Bode at [bruce@olympus.net](mailto:bruce@olympus.net).

### **ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Report on Aesthetics Committee Workshop**

About 25 people attended the Dec. 2 workshop on the “aesthetics” of the new building, including Richard Berg, our architect. Through the able facilitation of Jean Walat, the group reached the following conclusions:

- 1) We want the building to support feelings of community, connectedness to nature, and sacredness.
- 2) A major issue is still whether the floor of the sanctuary should be flat, flat with raised ‘stage’, sloped, or tiered.
- 3) We would love to see a lot of wood used on the interior.
- 4) Many people would like the sanctuary to have a lot of natural light, but several felt that relatively dim light contributes to the sense of being a sacred space.
- 5) Most people assume there will be art displayed somewhere in the building, but there are issues as to whether and what type should be placed in the sanctuary.
- 6) We discussed many possible uses of the foyer, including overflow from the sanctuary, information center, socializing, and art display.
- 7) Many would like to have a small meeting room that is particularly cozy and inviting, perhaps with a fireplace.
- 8) We reiterated several points that have been made earlier, including: need for quiet and good acoustics in the sanctuary; need for accessibility by the less able; need for safety for the children; need for expanded kitchen.

To share your ideas, please contact Jane Souzon (379-1831, [janesouzon@cablespeed.com](mailto:janesouzon@cablespeed.com)) or Carol Collins (397-3299, [carolcollins@cablespeed.com](mailto:carolcollins@cablespeed.com)).

**Capital Campaign Update (as of Thursday, Dec. 7): 133 pledges totaling \$681,463!**