

WE WELCOME YOU, especially if this is your first visit. The Hungarian word *Unitárius* first appeared in print in 1600. The English translation *Unitarian* first appeared in 1673. These first Unitarians used reason to argue that the Trinitarian formulation of God the Father, God the Son (Jesus), and God the Holy Spirit was not logical. Jesus was a great human being, but not God. The word *Universalist* appeared in England around 1750 and was brought to America in 1770. The first Universalists believed in universal salvation— God loves all of us and therefore all of us will go to heaven when we die. The American Unitarians and the Universalists merged in 1961 to form the Unitarian Universalist Association. Today using reason to learn to love remains the core of our religion. We affirm and promote the worth and dignity of every person, the free and responsible search for truth and meaning and respect for the interdependent web of which we are a part.

Steve Steinecke started our church in 1952. Sarasota Architect Tolyn Twitchell designed our worship space and classrooms, which we built in 1962. Syd Solomon designed our stained-glass windows. Walt Billings designed and created the chalice in our worship space and the chalice mounted in the courtyard. We completed the Lexow Wing that houses an art gallery, offices and a meeting room in 2000.

The two beautiful quilts on display in our Sanctuary were created by UUCS member Peg Green. You can view more of her fabric artworks at www.peacepeg.com.

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The Unitarian Universalist Church of Sarasota and Lakewood Ranch



Rev. Budd Friend-Jones

December 26, 2021

Order of Service

10:45

"In keeping with CDC safety guidelines, we invite you to hum and keep your mask on during congregational singing."

Singing to Gather #244 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

Welcome Rev. Douglas Wadkins

Special Announcement Sharron Howard

Interlude Zulfia Tursunova, guest pianist

Chalice Lighting Rev. Beth Miller

Time for All Ages "Your Name is a Song," Catherine Bonner

***Opening Hymn #231** "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Centering in Words A Prayer by W.E.B. DuBois
Rev. Budd Friend-Jones

Centering in Silence

Centering in Song #231 "Spirit of Life"
(please remain seated)

Reading "A Christmas Prayer," by Mary Oliver

Offertory Share the Plate

Sermon "Before There were Drones, there were Angels,"
Rev. Budd Friend-Jones

***Closing Hymn #169** "We Shall Overcome"

Closing Words and Extinguishing the Chalice

"The Work of Christmas," by Howard Thurman

***Please rise in body or spirit**

Zulfia Tursunova is a US-Ukrainian pianist, composer, conductor and educator and a founder of the Sarasota International Music Institute.

Rev. Douglas Wadkins, Interim Minister
Rev. Beth Miller, Rev. Budd Friend-Jones,

Associate Ministers

Robert Lischetti, Director of Music

Don Bryn, Pianist

Catherine Bonner, Director of Religious Education
Doug Caldwell and Klaus Obermeit, Multimedia

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