

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



“A Winter’s Festival”

The Rev. Douglas Wadkins

December 19, 2021

Order of Service
10:45

Welcome

The Rev. Douglas Wadkins

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

Announcements

Interlude “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day” Don Bryn

Opening Words

Chalice Processional

***Opening Hymn**

“Come Join illumination”

Chalice Lighting and Advent Wreath

Sharing Our Gifts

Offertory

Introduction

Interlude

“Good King Wenceslas”

Story

“Lighting Our Corner of the Sky”
A Story for Illumination” adapted by Rev. Doug Wadkins
and Catherine Bonner

#247 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

#118 “This Little Light of Mine”

***Song**

“This Little Light of Mine”

Extinguishing the Chalice

Circle with Our Light #155 “Circle ‘Round for Freedom”

***Please rise in body or spirit**

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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Sanctuary.