

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.

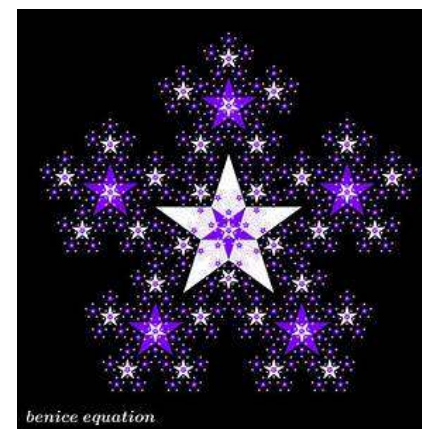
Steve Steinecke started our church in 1952. Sarasota Architect Tolyn Twitchell designed our worship space and classrooms, which we built in 1962. Syd Solomon designed our stained-glass windows. Walt Billings designed and created the chalice in our worship space and the chalice mounted in the courtyard. 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



“Starlight On a Long Night”

The Rev. Douglas Wadkins

December 12, 2021

Order of Service

10:45 am

Singing to Gather #389 "Gathered Here"
"In keeping with CDC safety guidelines, we invite you to hum and keep your mask on during congregational singing."

Welcome The Rev. Douglas Wadkins

Announcements

Interlude "Go Tell It On The Mountain" Don Bryn

Chalice Lighting The Rev. Beth Miller
"Warmth, Joy, Togetherness" by Ben Soule

Time for all Ages Catherine Bonner

***Opening Hymn** #190 "Light of Ages and of Nations"

Centering in Words "The Shores of Hope" by Daniel C. Kanter

Centering in Silence

Centering in Song #123 "Spirit of Life"
(please remain seated)

Reading by Jan L. Richardson

Offering and Offertory Music "Jingle Bells"

Sermon "Starlight On a Long Night"

***Closing Hymn** #293 "O Star of Truth"

Closing Words "Joy" by Rev. Jay Wolin

Extinguishing the Chalice

***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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The service can be heard in the Courtyard.