

Order of Service

Sunday, December 23, 2018

10:30 a.m.

+ **Welcome and Announcements** Donna González, Worship Associate

Greeting Our Neighbors

Ring the Gong

Prelude Spanish Prelude Scott Ward

Call to Worship “The Mystery of Others” words by David Rynick

Chalice Lighting words by Michael Tino

***Hymn** #241 *In the Bleak Midwinter*

*Unison Affirmation

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Musical Response

Tale for All Ages The Night of Las Posadas,
Written and Illustrated by Tomie DePaola

Departing Blessing *(sing through twice)*

For you shall go out in joy, for you shall go out in joy,
and come back in peace, and come back in peace, blessed be.

Prayer / Meditation

Shared Silence

Prayers of the People

Musical Mediation *Esto Les Digo*, by K. Lange Chamber Choir

Reading “Nochebuena” Rev. Maria Uitti McCabe

***Hymn** #239 *Go Tell It On the Mountain*

Sermon “The Mystery of Hope” Rev. Maria Uitti McCabe

***Hymn** #225 *O’ Come, O’ Come Emmanuel*

Stewardship Moment Donna González

Congregation in unison: *To the work of this congregation, which is weaving a tapestry of love and action, we dedicate our lives and these, our offerings.*

Offertory *A Babe is Born*, by B. Britten Chamber Choir

Benediction

Extinguishing the Chalice

Postlude *Congori Shango* arr. W. Belan Chamber Choir

About our music this morning: Esto Les Digo, “Where two or three are gathered in my name, there will I be also.” Congori Shango is a folk song from Limon, Costa Rica. It depicts the daily goings-on of a village. The dialect includes Caribbean and African American words.

* Please stand, as you are comfortable in body or in spirit.
+ Ushers welcome late-comers into the service at this time.

Pastoral Care Needs:

If you are experiencing an illness or hospitalization, struggling with a loss, facing changes and stresses in life, or just need somebody to listen, the Pastoral Care team is here for you. Contact Dottie Ashcraft, the Pastoral Care Associate for the month, at DottieA@firstuuwilm.org

Thank you to all our volunteers!

CHURCH OFFICE:	Deb Dalecki
GREETERS:	David Donohue, Debbi Zarek, Cinda Crane, Dale Stratton
USHERS:	Karen Berrie, Dan Cicala, Letty Diswood, Keith Weiss
SONG LEADER:	Richard Speck
PASTORAL CARE:	Dottie Ashcraft
FIRST U LIBRARY:	Open Sunday mornings 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., first floor classroom wing
WELCOME TABLE:	Sandy Shipman, Deb Dalecki
AV TEAM:	Jon Claney
BOOK CORNER:	Sylvia Tarzanin
SEARCH COMMITTEE:	Linda Sanders
HOSPITALITY:	Choir

OUR MISSION:

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OUR ENDS:

At First Unitarian Church of Wilmington, people of all ages:
 Feel safe, accepted, and loved – and empowered to be our authentic selves.
 Gain new perspectives and grow as informed, spiritual human beings.
 Act on our shared values and UU identity to fight for a more just world.
 Experience wonder, inspiration, fulfillment, and joy.

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A Welcoming Congregation ~ A Green Sanctuary
 Sunday, December 23, 2018

The Mystery of Hope



Rev. Maria McCabe

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