

Meaning of the Christmas Season

Opening words and Chalice lighting:

Spirit of winter rest, help us to enjoy your peace in this quiet place.
Remind us to pause during this season.
Grant us awareness; keep our gratitude fresh each day.
May the songs in our heart be blessings and insights to us and to others
and may compassion always shine forth from the depths of our hearts.
~ Christine C. Robinson

Welcome and check-in (A time to share what is on your mind in order to clear it and be in the present.)

Reading for discussion

So come, Christmas, most needed of seasons.
Come with the reminder that love does not depend on
Perfection but on willingness to risk connection.
Come into the unready manger of our hearts
That we may feel the warmth of new life
And give flesh to the promise of hope
That cries to bring healing into our world.
Come Christmas!
Come, Love,
Come, Hope.
Be born in our unready hearts
On this silent and holy night.
~ M. Maureen Killoran

Questions for discussion

What meaning do you associate with the Christmas holidays?
As a UU, what are we celebrating?
How do you want to spend this season?

Check-out (A time to share likes and wishes, such as “I like how we...” “I wish we would...”, or express how you felt about the group.)

Closing words and extinguishing the Chalice:

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by:
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

"Give us a child's heart, that we may be filled with wonder and delight."
Sara Moores Campbell

Thanks to everyone for their participation and commitment to our group!