



**December Theme:**  
*What does it mean to be  
a People of Wonder?*

**“What Gifts Does Christmas Bring?”**

Sunday, December 24, 2017, 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

**Music for Gathering** *Dianne Saichek and Joon Luther, piano*

**\*Singing** # 239 “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

**Welcome and Announcements** *Rodney Lemery, Intern Minister*

**Ring the Bell**

**Lighting the Advent Candle IV: Peace** *Liz and Bob Owen*  
*(Please see insert for reading.)*

**Musical Meditation** “Happy Birthday, Jesus,” by Kirtana  
*Karl Vidt, solo; Dianne Saichek, piano*

**Lighting the Chalice** *Kasthuri Veeraraghavan and Nilesh Mudupalli*

**AFFIRMATION/AFIRMACION**

Love is the doctrine of this church,	<i>El amor es la doctrina de esta iglesia,</i>
The quest of truth is its sacrament,	<i>La búsqueda de la verdad es su sacramento,</i>
And service is its prayer.	<i>Y el servicio es su oración.</i>
To dwell together in peace	<i>Habitar juntos en paz</i>
To seek truth in freedom	<i>Buscar la verdad con libertad</i>
To serve humankind in fellowship	<i>Y servir a la humanidad juntos</i>
To the end that all souls may grow	<i>Con el fin de que todas las almas</i>
Into harmony with the divine,	<i>Puedan crecer en armonía con lo divino,</i>
This do we covenant with one another.	<i>Esto es lo que pactamos unos con otros.</i>

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

**Story for All Ages** “Humphrey’s First Christmas,” by Carol Heyer  
*Steve Saunders; with projections by Rodney Lemery*  
*(Children and youth may remain on the labyrinth after the story!)*

**All Engage: Which Character Are You This Season?**

*Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones, Senior Minister*

**\*Singing** “Do You Hear What I Hear?”  
*(Please see insert for lyrics.)*

**Special Collection: Ministers’ Discretionary Fund**

*Dianne Saichek, piano*

**Sung Response** # 259 “We Three Kings of Orient Are,” v. 1

**Reflection** “Christmas Gifts” *Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones*

**\*Singing** “Little Drummer Boy”  
*(Please see insert for lyrics.)*

**\*Benediction** *Rev. Geoff Rimositis, Associate Minister*

*Please join us in Hattie Porter Hall after the service for Social Hour.  
And please see the Announcements page for all who helped bring this service to life.*

