



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

**Room for a Little One, Room for All:
 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

Sunday, December 24, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Music for Gathering *Dianne Saichek, piano*

***Singing** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
(Please see insert for lyrics.)

Welcome *Rodney Lemery, Intern Minister*

Ring the Bell

Lighting the Advent Candle V: The Birth of a Child
The Zappiola-Madden Family
(Please see insert for reading.)

Lighting the Chalice *Joon and Jory Luther*

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.*

Musical Meditation "Jesus Ahatonnia" *Alegría Singers,
 John Ector, Choir Director; Dianne Saichek, piano*
(Please see insert for translation.)

Honoring New Life Among Us *Rev. Geoff Rimositis,
 Associate Minister*

Singing # 233 "Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella" *(in English)*

A Christmas Eve Story, with Reflections, Part I
 "Room for a Little One," by Martin Waddell, gently adapted
*Ro Morris, Rodney Lemery, Amanda Sullivan, Rev. Nancy,
 Jory Luther, Joon Luther, and Rev. Geoff*

***Singing** # 244 "It Came upon the Midnight Clear," vv. 1, 3, 4

Special Collection: Ministers' Discretionary Fund "Ave Maria"
(Bach/Gounod) Sally Cooperrider, flute; Dianne Saichek, piano

A Christmas Eve Story, with Reflections, Part II

Into the Candlelight "Happy Birthday, Jesus," by Kirtana
Karl Vidt, solo; Dianne Saichek, piano

***Singing** # 251 "Silent Night," vv. 1, 2

245 "Joy to the World"

***Benediction** *Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones, Senior Minister*

***Singing** "We Wish You a Merry Christmas"

Please join us in Hattie Porter Hall after the service for hot cider and potluck snacks.

