# November Theme:
## What does it mean to be a people of Memory?

# Diwali: The Power of Memory!
## Sunday, November 11, 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m

**Music for Gathering** *traditional kirtan and Dianne Saichek, piano*

***Singing** #346 "Come, Sing a Song with Me"

**Welcome and Announcements** *Sundar Mudupalli*

**Ringing the Bell and Lighting the Diyas**

**Musical Meditation** "Ganesh Mantra," arranged by Jaie Tiefenbrunn
*Alegría Singers; John Ector, Choir Director; Christopher Pasillas, piano; add'l accompaniment arr. by John Ector*

**An Introduction to Diwali** *Diana Mecum, Worship Associate*

**Lighting the Chalice** *Nilesh Mudupalli and Mira Biswas*

***AFFIRMATION/AFIRMACION**

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

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

**Story for All Ages** "Diwali,"
from the series "Celebrations in My World" *Diana Mecum*

**Singing the Children and Youth to Their Classes**
*Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the Spirit of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go. Vayan en paz, vayan en paz, pueda el Dios rodearlos siempre, por doquier, por doquier, que vayan.*

**Reflection** "Diwali as an Immigrant's Story" *Gautam Biswas*

**Musical Interlude** *Dianne Saichek, piano*

**Reflection** "Why I Celebrate Diwali" *Ram Kakarala*

**Offering Our Gifts** *Dianne Saichek, piano*

**Joys and Sorrows**

***Singing** #178 "Raghupati"

***Benediction** *Ram Kakarala*

*Please join us in Hattie Porter Hall after the service for the Service Auction!*
*There are offerings in every price range!*
*Please see the Announcements page for all who helped bring this service to life.*