

**December Theme:  
What does it mean to be a people of Mystery?**

*First Source of Our Unitarian Universalist Faith:  
Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder,  
affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit  
and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life.*



**“Mystery! Mystery!  
Life Is a Riddle and a Mystery!”**  
Sunday, December 2, 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

**Music for Gathering** *Dianne Saichek, piano*

**\*Singing** #1003 “Where Do We Come From?”

**Welcome and Announcements** *Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones,  
Senior Minister*

**Ring the Bell**

**Advent I: Hope** *Advent Family: Nancy Hada and Blackwell*

**Musical Meditation** Advent hymn “People, Look East,”  
with “Happy Hanukkah, My Friend,”  
by Justin Wilde and Doug Konecky  
*Dianne Saichek, piano*

**Call to Worship** *Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones*

**Lighting the Chalice** *Kellie and Isaac Spielmann*

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

**\*AFFIRMATION/AFIRMACION**

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 fin 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.*

**Story for All Ages** “I Wonder,” by Annaka Harris,  
illustrated by John Rowe *Mary Martin, Worship Associate*

**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** “Beyond Our Knowing ... So Far ...” *Mary Martin*

**Reflection** “An Attitude of Wonder” *Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones*

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

**Joys and Sorrows**

**\*Singing** #1008 “When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place”

**\*Benediction** *Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones*

*After the service, you can pick up a Guest at Your Table box,  
join us in Hattie Porter Hall for Social Hour, and attend the Congregational Meeting  
to vote on ordaining former Ministerial Intern Rodney Lemery!  
Please see the Announcements page for all who helped bring this service to life.*

