

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.*



The Transcendent in the Everyday

Sunday, December 9, 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Music for Gathering *Dianne Saichek, piano*

***Singing** #1003 “Where Do We Come From?” *Ben West, signing*

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

Ring the Bell

Advent II: Love

Musical Meditation “Le Cygne,” from *Le Carnaval des Animaux*
by Camille Saint-Saëns
Sally Cooperrider, flute and Dianne Saichek, piano

Call to Worship *Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones*

Lighting the Chalice *Nilesh and Sundar Mudupalli*

**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 “The Mystic and the Scientist,”

from the UUA’s *Tapestry of Faith* series

Joyce Miller, Oona Cadorin, and Maiclaire Bolton Smith

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.*

Reading “Mystery and Mysticism,” by David Benner

Reflection “Knowing with Our Hearts” *Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones*

Offering Our Gifts *Dianne Saichek, piano*

Reading from *The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life ...*, by Lily Tomlin

Meditation *Joyce Miller, Worship Associate*

Connecting with Each Other

***Singing** #1000 “Morning Has Come”

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

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

