

# ***Mystery, Ultimacy, Hope, and Love***

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Sunday, December 31st, 2023

<b>Prelude</b>	<b><i>The Bells of Aberdovey</i></b>	Traditional Welsh Tune
<b>Gathering Music #38</b>	<b><i>Morning Has Broken</i></b>	Cat Stevens
<b>Welcome, Centering and Call to Worship</b>		
<b>Chalice Lighting</b>	<b>“Forged in the Fire of our Coming Together”</b>	Gretchen Haley (excerpt)
<b>Wonder Box Wisdom</b>	<b><i>Dinosaurs, “From a Certain Point of View”</i></b>	
<b>Hymn #347</b>	<b><i>Gather the Spirit</i></b>	Jim Scott
<b>Reflection</b>	<b><i>It Starts With One Small Thing</i></b>	Carol Underwood
<b>Hymn #108</b>	<b><i>My Life Flows On</i></b>	American Folk Song
<b>Homily</b>	<b><i>Standing On the Threshold</i></b>	Bill Benshoof
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>	<b><i>Courage to Create a Connected World</i></b>	Bill Benshoof
<b>Sharing Our Gifts</b>	Offering shared with <i>the UUCG Minister's Discretionary Fund</i>	
<b>Offertory</b>	<b><i>This is My Song</i></b>	Jean Sibelius
<b>Gratitudes</b>		
<b>Call to Connection</b>		
<b>Extinguishing Our Chalice</b>		Elizabeth Selle Jones (adapted)
<b>Hymn # 163</b>	<b><i>For the Earth Forever Turning</i></b>	Kim Oler
<b>Closing Words</b>	<b>New Year's Day</b>	Kathleen McTigue (excerpt)
<b>Recessional</b>	<b><i>Auld Lang Syne</i></b>	Robert Burns

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