

# Wonder and Mystery

Lydia Patrick, Worship Leader

Anna Elliott, Worship Associate

Michael & Rebecca Parker, Choir Directors

Stephen Pyle, Pianist

Sunday, December 17th, 2023

**Prelude**     *Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy/Beautiful Star of Bethlehem/I Wonder as I Wander*

P.Tchaikovsky/Adger Pace & R Fisher Boyce/John Jacob Niles

**Gathering Music #255**                     *There's a Star in the East*                     African American Spiritual

**Opening Words\Chalice Lighting**

**Wonder Box Wisdom**             **What are We Making of the Holy Days?**

**Reflection**                     *Awe, Mystery and Practical Knowledge*                     Terry Welsher

**Hymn #244 Vs #1**                     *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*                     Edmund H. Sears

**Reflection**                                     *Grandparents*                                     Anna Elliott

**Hymn #244 Vs #2**                     *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*                     Edmund H. Sears

**Reflection**                                     *Childhood Melodies*                                     Ginny Andino

**Hymn #244 Vs #3**                     *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*                     Edmund H. Sears

**Reflection**                                     *Hallmark Holidays*                                     Barbara Stahnke

**Anthem**                                     *The Ugly Christmas Sweater Song*                     Daniel Semsen

**Homily**                                     *Awakening to Wonder and Mystery*                     Lydia Patrick

**Music for Reflection**                     *Lord of Life and Love*

**Pastoral Prayer**                                     **Teach Us to Look For You**

**Sharing Our Gifts**             Offering shared with *Minister's Discretionary Fund*

**Offertory**                                     *Holiday Traditions*                     Stephen Pyle, Barbara Stahnke

**Gratitudes\Call to Connection**

**Extinguishing Our Chalice**     Elizabeth Selle Jones (adapted)

**Hymn #244 Vs #4**                     *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*                     Edmund H. Sears

**Closing Words**

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