



A Gift of Mystery: Learning to Lean into Paradox
With
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“Mysticism presupposes that there is a hidden world beyond the revealed world and that there is a way for a human being to attain this hidden world spiritually through imagination and contemplation and to have a deep inner experience of uniting with the higher reality.”

- *Jewish Mysticism* by Rachel Elior

Welcome

Mary Jane Aldrich-Moodie

Prelude A *niggun* or wordless melody by Cantor Richard Kaplan

Chalice Lighting by Reverend Eric Cherry

The chalice is lit in our hearts each time that we
pray for vision
long for healing,
forgive our enemies,
comfort our neighbors,
and prepare for justice's day.

In its light, our hope and compassion are renewed and
the covenantal ties that bind each to all become clear.

Now, by its sacred flame, the path before us is brightened:

Love prepares our way,
Harmony is in view,
there is no East or West,
no South or North.

Only a world to greet, and bless
with more Light still.

Amen.

Opening Hymn *All the World is a Narrow Bridge* from a teaching
by Rabbi Nachman of Bratslov

Kol h'olam kulo, gesher tzar ma-od, gesher tzar me-od, gesher tzar me-od (x2)

V'ha ikar, v'ha ikar, lo lifached, lo lifached klal (x2)

A Story for All Ages *Simon and Reuven*, a story from *The Book of Miracles*

By Rabbi Lawrence Kushner

Musical Interlude “Mah nora, h’makom h’zeh,” “How amazing is this Place,”
from Genesis 28:16, melody by Rabbi Shefa Gold

Candles of Joy and Concern

Prayer

Rabbi Lori Shaller

Offertory

Sermon *A Gift of Mystery: Learning to Lean into Paradox* Rabbi Lori Shaller

Moment of Silent Meditation

Closing Song *Nitzavim/“Standing,”* from Deuteronomy 29:28,

music by Kohenet Batya Diamond

Ha nistarot l’Adonai eloheyenu

Ve haniglot lanu u’l’vaneynu

Ad olam la’asote et kol divrei hatorah hazot

The hidden is for God, the revealed is for us and for our
children, to do the words of this teaching forever ...

Benediction

Thank you to our volunteers The Men’s Group for providing service support for today’s service, refreshments and visual arts/flowers.

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