



# *Welcome to the Season of Saunter*

*with*

*Rev. Janet Newton*

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“The more we attend to the physical matter of creation, the more the sacred emerges; at the same time, the more we attend to the spiritual matter of creation, the more we enter the here and now of physical matter.”

— Steven Chase

## **Ringing the Bell**

**Welcome and Community Connection**

Worship Host

**Prelude**

Peter Halperin

**Call to Worship & Chalice Lighting**

Rev. Janet

**\*Opening Hymn**     *Enter, Rejoice, and Come In*

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**A Time for All Ages**

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Silent Meditation (~2 minutes)**

**Pastoral Prayer**

Rev. Janet

**Sung Response**     *Comfort Me*

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**Reading**     Eve Ensler

**Offering**

Worship Host

**Offertory**

Peter Halperin

**Sermon**     *Welcome to the Season of Saunter*

Rev. Janet

**Chalice Extinguishing**     *As We Leave This Friendly Place*

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**Benediction**

Rev. Janet

**Postlude**

Peter Halperin

Thank you to the Men's Group for providing refreshments and Karen Sankey and the Men's Group for volunteering to provide service support for today's service.

**Need Someone to Listen?**

In addition to pastoral care being available from Rev. Janet, your Lay Ministers (Bill Bridwell, Jan Casey, Kevin Longval, Susan Desmarais) are available to lend support to anyone in our UUSMV community in their time of need by being available to listen and offer comfort. You can reach them individually by calling:

Jan Casey (508-942-3643)

Bill Bridwell (774-563-8542)

Kevin Longval (781-249-4712)

Susan Desmarais (508-939-1350)

or reach out to [uu.society.mv@gmail.com](mailto:uu.society.mv@gmail.com) for a direct contact (available to members and non-members).

**Call for Announcements**

As part of an effort to maximize our time together on Sunday mornings, during the month of September we will be trying a different way to share announcements.

If you have an announcement for the congregation, please email Ann Cilfone, our office administrator, at [uu.society.mv@gmail.com](mailto:uu.society.mv@gmail.com), by Thursday morning with the text of your announcement. The announcement will be included in our Friday Email and posted on the screen in the chapel and on Zoom prior to the start of our service.

If you have feedback on this shift over the course of the month, we invite you to share your thoughts with the members of the Worship Committee: Chris Seidel, Mary Jane Aldrich-Moodie, Sheila Hanley, Liz Loucks, Linda Moffatt, Peter Palches, or Rev. Janet.

**A Message from Rev. Janet**

Dear UUSMV —

This year our worship theme is The Gifts of our Faith. The gift we are unwrapping this month is The Gift of Welcome. As we move through the month, I encourage you to reflect on times and places in your life when you have either felt a warm welcome, or have been called to offer your own radical welcome. What might change in our lives if we committed to live that gift with intention?

