



Seeds for the New Year

Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt, UUA President

Hosted by Rev. Janet Newton

*In the shadowed quiet of winter's light
earth speaks softly
of her longing....*

Make your life an answer:

Bow.

Praise.

Rise.

The Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker

Ring the Bell

Welcome and Community Connection

Rev. Janet

Prelude

Peter Halperin

Opening Words and Chalice Lighting

The words of the Rev. Byron "Tyler" Coles

***Opening Hymn** *Peace with You* Composed by Yuri Yamamoto

Time for All Ages *Bridge of Flowers* by Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha

As told by Sofia Betancourt

Candles of Joy and Concern

Rev. Janet

Pastoral Prayer

Sung Response *Spirit of Life*

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Offering

Offertory *Trinity Fanfare* performed by The Chalice Bells

1st Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor

Reading *A Winter Blessing* by Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker

Message *Seeds for the New Year*

Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt

Benediction

Rev. Janet

Postlude

Peter Halperin

Questions for continued conversation:

- What are you most proud of from 2023?
- In the last year, in what ways did your congregation or community encourage you to live more fully into all that you hold most precious?
- In what ways did they surprise you?
- In what ways did you surprise yourself?
- What beauty are you calling into being for 2024?
- How are your congregation and your communities leaning into all that is most needed in the coming year?
- How are you helping to keep those bridges well-tended?

Need Someone to Listen?

In addition to pastoral care being available from Rev. Janet, your Lay Ministers (Bill Bridwell, Jan Casey, Kevin Longval) 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) or reach out to uu.society.mv@gmail.com

Coming Events

Sunday, December 31, 8:30 - 9:30 pm: Young Peoples AA (Stevens Chapel)

Tuesday, January 2, 9:30 am: Meditation Circle - Join on [Zoom](#) (Meeting ID: 864 3352 3334 Passcode: 737316) or Contact Ed Merck ejm646@gmail.com

Sunday, January 7, after the service: Budget Town Hall, The finance committee will present the 2024 budget to the members and will look forward to your feedback!

Monday, January 8, 1 - 3 pm: Parish Committee

Wednesday, January 10, 5 - 6 pm: Universal Justice Meeting (Zoom session for UUSMV volunteers to plan activities for 2024)

Friday, January 12, 10 - 11:15 am: Let's Have a Visit, (Zoom drop in meeting with the UUSMV Lay Ministers, all are welcome.)

