

**Soul Matters Monthly Theme:** What does it mean to be a Community of Wonder?

**There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.**

—Albert Einstein (1879-1955), Jewish German-born theoretical physicist

**Order of Service for December 4, 2022:** Life Has Its Mysteries, and We Are One of Them

Rev. Rita Capezzi, Preaching

Diane Dobitz, Worship Associate

Kat Clements and Andy Roberts, Tech Squad

Bob Finley and Mae Gagnon, Greeters

Cathi Fouchi & Ken Davey, Hospitality

Ireland Olson and Korinne Spicer, Nursery

**Announcements Slideshow** To “Birds and Stars” (2013) by Elephant Revival, a folk music group from Nederland, Colorado, active since 2006 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8LgHDFHzMI4>

**Greetings from the Whole Congregation** (everyone on Zoom is invited to unmute)

Let’s all make a joyful noise!

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Bell Chime**

**Chalice Lighting:** For those attending by Zoom, please type into the Chat that a chalice is lit on [your street]:

*We are a welcoming people of diverse beliefs who commit to nourish the spirit, broaden the mind, nurture the earth, and build community. May this flame we kindle remind us to strive, today and every day, to love beyond belief.*

**Hymn: #38** “Morning Has Broken” (gray hymnal), words by Eleanor Farjeon to a Gaelic melody.

Sung by Jeff Lowry and Helen Lowry, with Nancy Cramblit on piano.

**Reading:** “Nourished” by the Rev. Jay Wolin, a White Unitarian Universalist minister serving the UU Church of Sarasota (FL). <https://www.uua.org/worship/words/poetry/nourished>

**Story:** *If You Come to Earth* (2020), written and illustrated by Sophie Blackall

Read on video by Director of Children’s Faith Development, Macey Forsyth

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= SyiMunYFTI&t=18s>

**Sending the Young Ones to Faith Development Activities**

**Prayer/Meditation:** “Into Greater Union with the Mysterious” by the Rev. Joan Javier-Duval, a Philippine-American Unitarian Universalist minister serving the Unitarian Church of Montpelier (VT)

**Sorrows and Joys**

**Singing Prayer:** To the tune of #1002 (teal hymnal) by Mimi Borstein

*Comfort me, share my joy/ Comfort me, Oh my soul. (2x)*

**Giving** to “Awake My Soul” (2009) by Mumford & Sons, a White British folk-rock band formed in

London and active since 2007 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DFQVtliRDuA>

**Sermon**

**Hymn: #108** "My Life Flows on in Endless Song" (gray hymnal), traditional words to music by Robert Lowry. Sung by Helen Lowry with piano accompaniment by Jon Vogtle, both courtesy of the UU Church of Buffalo (NY)

**Chalice Extinguishing**

*We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth, the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment. These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.*

**Singing Benediction:** "Longtime Sun," the final three minutes of "A Very Cellular Song" written by Mike Heron and performed by The Incredible String Band on their 1968 album *The Hangman's Beautiful Daughter*.

*May the long time sun shine upon you/All love surround you  
And the pure, pure light that's within you/ Guide your way home (2x)*

**In-person:** Hospitality in the Fellowship Hall on the lower level of the Fellowship building. Zero Waste Mankato will provide a presentation for us

**On Zoom:** A time for gathering to meet, talk, and connect.