



Opportunity Views Ground Texture in
Perseverance Valley

Follow that Star: Missions of Wonder with Reverend Janet Newton

Wonder

"The luminous and shocking beauty of the everyday is something I try to remain alert to, if only as an antidote to the chronic cynicism and disenchantment that seems to surround everything these days. It tells me that, despite how debased or corrupt we are told humanity is and how degraded the world has become, it just keeps on being beautiful."

— Nick Cave, from *Faith, Hope and Carnage*

Ring the Bell

Welcome and Community Connection

Mimi Davisson

Prelude

Andy Herr

Opening Words and Chalice Lighting

Rev. Janet

*Opening Hymn *A Firemist and a Planet* #343

Time for All Ages Creating Wonder Rev. Janet

Please Note: Due to unforeseen circumstances we are not able to offer Youth Faith Formation this morning.

For Parents and Caregivers: With full awareness that children make noise, we invite you to keep your children with you in the service. We welcome their whole beings in this space. You may find it useful to offer your children one of the fidget bags available in the rear of the chapel.

For the Congregation: As Unitarian Universalists, we aspire to celebrate the interconnected web of all existence, allowing us to meditate on the wonder that is life in all its ages and stages and forms. That said, if you are someone who finds the noise of children in worship distracting, we invite you to sit **further toward** the front of the chapel.

Candles of Joy and Concern

Mimi Davisson

Silent Meditation (~3 Minutes)

Pastoral Prayer

Musical Response *Dark of Winter* #55

Offering
Offertory

Mimi Davisson
Andy Herr

Reading *The Three Wise Men* by W.H. Auden

Mimi Davisson

*Hymn *O Liberating Rose* #130

Sermon *Follow That Star: Missions of Wonder*

Rev. Janet

*Closing Hymn *I Cannot Think of Them as Dead* #96

Benediction

Postlude

Andy Herr

*Please stand in body or spirit

