



Why Were You Not More Like Yourself?  
Pursuing Truth in a Complex World  
with  
Reverend Janet Newton

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**January Theme: Finding Our Center**

"i don't pay attention to the  
world ending.  
it has ended for me  
many times  
and began again in the morning."  
— Nayyirah Waheed, from Salt

**Ringing the Bell**

**Welcome and Community Connection**

Sue Streeter

**Prelude**

Peter Halperin

**Opening Words** the words of Mary Oliver

Rev. Janet

**\*Opening Hymn and Chalice Lighting** *'Tis a Gift to Be Simple* #16  
(Repeat, as a round)

**Time for All Ages**

Emily LaPierre

**Singing the Children Out**

#413

Go now in peace, go now in peace,  
may the spirit of love surround you,  
everywhere, everywhere you may go.

**Candles of Joy and Concern**

Sue Streeter

**Pastoral Prayer**

Rev. Janet

**Offering**

Sue Streeter

**Offertory**

Peter Halperin

**Reading**

Rev. Janet

**\*Hymn** *Come, Sing a Song with Me* #346

**Sermon** *Why Were You Not More Like Yourself?  
Pursuing Truth in a Complex World*

Rev. Janet

**\*Closing Hymn** *Wake, Now, My Senses*

#298

**Benediction**

Rev. Janet

**Postlude**

Peter Halperin

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

Thank you to our set up, refreshment, greeter and counter volunteers: Doris Troy, Rich Peia and Bill Bridwell!

**Announcements:**

We use email to send out the most up-to-date happenings about events and opportunities through UUSMV. If you are not receiving the Weekly Friday Voice Newsletter, please let Ann in the office know at 508-693-8982. This is also a good opportunity to make sure that the email we have on file is the one you prefer to use.

**Event Reminders:**

We're hoping to schedule a New Member/New to UU class, but we would like to make sure we have chosen a time that will work for all. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Janet at revjanetnewton@gmail.com or text/call at (505) 670-4157

**Meal and a Movie in the Chapel: Thursday, 1/19 at 5:30PM in Chapel and on-line (hybrid).** This month's film:  
*Derek DelGaudio's In & Of Itself*

About the film: A modern allegory that explores the illusion of identity. Filmed over several nights at DelGaudio's live stage show, the movie/show invites "new ways of seeing the unseeable...as memories from yesterday, inexplicable events witnessed today and secrets imagined for tomorrow all blend together, creating a perpetual paradox of a show." More of an experience than a narrative film, the show is challenging to describe. It inspires wonder, befuddlement and personal reflection, all of which offer powerful fodder for post-screening conversation and connection. Please join us!

**Worship Associate Training: Saturday, 1/21 from 3 - 5PM in the Chapel.**

Have you wondered how you might contribute more to the life and happenings at UUSMV (without taking on more than you feel you have time for?) How about offering your services as an occasional Worship Associate? This training will help you learn how to help make a Sunday Service run smoothly, breaking down the various parts that Worship Associates usually lead. It will also give you a chance to practice speaking in front of friendly faces and using our microphones effectively. Open to all — we'd love to have you!

**Annual Meeting: Sunday, 1/22 after Church Service**

**Game Night: Friday, 1/27 starting at 5PM in the Chapel (In-Person only)**

Card games? Board games? Party games? Whatever your preference, we'll have a variety to choose from (or bring your own). This is a great chance to laugh and play together, try out a new game or teach one of your personal favorites. Along with a playful attitude, you're invited to bring party food to share.

