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We Are Stardust

Kiersten Moore & UCV Youth

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Our Origins in the Universe

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2016*

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<i>Stage, Set and Costume Manager</i>	<i>Olivia Hall</i>
<i>Set and Props</i>	<i>Louise Bunn, Noella Prescod, Juliet Shenher Cohen Prescod, Lea Bomford-Moore</i>
<i>Costumes</i>	<i>Olivia Hall, Tanya Lewis, and UCV Youth</i>
<i>Lights</i>	<i>Kiersten Moore and Lea Bomford-Moore</i>
<i>Sound</i>	<i>Roger Brant and UCV Sound Crew</i>
<i>Livestream Director</i>	<i>Christian Malcolm</i>

Actors

<i>Voice of the Universe</i>	<i>Esmé Mac-Demers and Rose Chernoff</i>
<i>Gravity</i>	<i>Hawk Demers</i>
<i>Youth Campout</i>	<i>Leo Malcolm, Elena Bomford-Moore, Charlotte Kendall Benjamin Malcolm, Brendan Bomford-Moore</i>

Universe Chorus: atoms, stars, and particles
Brendan, Elena, Benjamin, Leo, Charlotte

Air, Earth, and Metal Elements
*Benjamin, Leo,
Brendan, Charlotte*

Iron
Elena Bomford-Moore

*We bring you this story in celebration of creation and the return of the light
Happy Solstice!*

Director's notes: The concept for this pageant came out of our explorations of cosmology during the 2016 RE children's program. We humans have an insatiable desire to explain our presence in the Universe and to feel connected to something greater than ourselves. The current scientific understanding of the Universe is a story on par with the most fantastical creation myths: That out of the unknown came a burst of light, a hot soup of plasma and energy out of which hydrogen was created. The mysterious force of gravity attracted hydrogen atoms together until the pressure and heat was so intense that new elements were created as stars burst into life. Every element, from the oxygen we breathe, to the calcium in our bones, the carbon of our being, and the iron in our blood was created at the center of a giant star. Ancient stars exploded under the pressure of this creation and expelled these elements into space—fodder for new planets and new solar systems. Where we end and the Universe begins is only an illusion of our perspective. In the words of Carl Sagan: Life is a way for the Universe to know itself.

Celebration of Worship: 11:00am December 19, 2021

Prelude	<i>Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star (variations)</i>	Mozart Elliott Dainow, piano
Welcoming		Rev. Lara Cowtan
Kindling the Chalice Flame		Rev. Lara Cowtan
Opening Words		Rev. Lara Cowtan
Hymn	#1003: <i>Where Do We Come From?</i>	Chalice Choir Leads
Community Candle Lighting		
Meditation, Spoken and Silent		Kiersten Moore
Musical Response	<i>Where Do We Come From?</i>	Arranged and sung by Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout
Solstice Pageant	<i>We Are Stardust</i>	Kiersten Moore & UCV Youth
Congregational Singing	<i>Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star</i>	With new lyrics (see following page)*
Closing Hymn	#1064: <i>Blue Boat Home</i>	Peter Mayer
Board Minute		Jenny Malcolm

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Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice Flame		Rev. Lara Cowtan
Valediction	<i>Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again</i>	
Postlude	<i>Stardust</i>	Hoagy Carmichael Elliott Dainow, piano

Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star Lyrics

*Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
Now I know what you are.
You're a burning ball of gas,
Trillions of miles away in the past.
Twinkle, twinkle, great big star
Now I know what you are.*

*When the universe was new
blue and giant, the first stars grew
All the elements you formed,
Hydrogen your heat transformed
with the help of gravity.
you made everything in me.*

*Our sun is a star you know,
Its light helps the plants to grow
Plants eat sunlight just like we
eat our dinners, so you see
Eating vegetables, we are
Really, truly eating stars.*

*Stars are born and burn and die
brightly blazing in the sky
then from stardust they re-form
new stars from the old are born
Wondrous universe of ours
Thank you, thank you for the stars*