



*NASA Hubble Telescope Image*

## **Candlelight Service: We Are Stardust**

*The Chalice Choir with UCV Children & Youth*

*Live streamed from the UCV Sanctuary – December 19, 2021*



# *We Are Stardust*

## *Our Origins in the Universe*

*Conceived and written by Kiersten Moore, Douglas Enennberg, and Leonie Armstrong,  
2016*

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

### *Actors*

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

*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 breath, 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: 7:00pm December 19, 2021

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Roses</i> <i>Hot Buttered Rum</i> <i>Winter Song</i>	Rani Arbo Tommy Thompson Sarah Bareilles Performed by JES Trio*
<b>Invocation</b>	<i>Loosen, Loosen</i>	By Aly Halpert The Chalice Choir
<b>Call to Worship</b>		Kiersten Moore
<b>Congregational Hymn</b>	<i>#55: Dark of Winter</i>	
	<u><i>Scene 1: The Stars in Us</i></u>	
<b>Choir Interlude</b>	<i>Who Knows Where the Seasons Go</i>	By Larry Nickel
	<u><i>Scene 2: In the Beginning</i></u>	
<b>Choir Interlude</b>	<i>The Ground**</i>	By Gjeilo
	<u><i>Scene 3: Dance of the Dark Ages</i></u>	
<b>Choir Interlude</b>	<i>Credo***</i>	From <i>Missa Brevis Pro Serveto</i> By T. Stokes, with words by Rev. F. Dearman
	<u><i>Scene 4: Elemental Birth</i></u>	
<b>Choir Interlude</b>	<i>The Wisdom of the Moon</i>	By S. LaBarr
	<u><i>Scene 5: We Are Stardust</i></u>	
<b>Musical Reflection</b>	<i>Everything is Holy Now</i>	By Peter Mayer
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	<i>#1064: Blue Boat Home</i>	By Peter Mayer
<b>Closing Words &amp; Extinguishing the Chalice Flame</b>		Kiersten Moore
<b>Valediction</b>	<i>Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again (x2)</i>	
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Gentle Arms of Eden</i>	David Carter Performed by JES trio

\* JES Trio is Jane Slemon, Ellen van der Hoeven, and Susan Larkin. A tight braid of voices backed by a tapestry of instruments, the members of this musical friendship often can't help but get themselves mixed up with one another. JES brings a diverse repertoire that includes Celtic, folk roots, and original songs.

### **Translations:**

#### **\*\* The Ground**

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is he who comes. Hosanna in the highest. Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world. Grant us peace.

#### **\*\*\* Credo**

What do I know of the world?

What does a fish know of water?

What knows a bird of the air?

Nothing but weather,  
nothing but waves.

Nothing comes from nothing;

I am born from the earth,  
from air and fire,  
from water and stars.

And my life, which I owe to  
nature, being mortal,

I shall return to the earth.

I believe in spirit,  
breathing upon the waters.

I believe in lovingkindness.

I believe in life.