



**In Community, We nurture and empower each other
Transforming our lives That we may serve the world.**

Dear Friends,

As we approach the end of 2021, I'm writing to you with a message of hope. I'm feeling a renewed sense of positivity and what Thomas Troward called "cheerful expectancy." Though we, like almost every other institution, have been impacted by the global pandemic, we stand strong in our faith, and strong in our bonds with one another. We are here. We are thriving. We are serving.


The deep message of Christmas is this: the light of the divine was revealed in humanity. The birth of the Christ-light continues this Christmas—in each of us individually, in our world, and in our beloved spiritual community. At Unity of Houston, we are committed to being a space of healing, connection and transformation. We have stood in this calling for 102 years and are committed to doing so for generations to come.

I sincerely hope you're able to join us in person for our traditional Christmas Eve candle lighting services. I've said often that when we raise our lit candles together and affirm "We are the light of the world," it is my favorite moment of the year. Last year during the winter surge of Covid, we were unable to share this moment with our members and friends present in our sanctuary. Now, with the availability of the vaccines and declining spread of the illness, we feel confident that we can safely gather for this most amazing experience. If you are not able to join us in person, please know that we will bring our livestream to you wherever you are, and you will be able to experience the magic and the love of a Unity of Houston Christmas Eve. We will also be welcoming in-person attendance at our New Year's Eve Burning Bowl Ceremony and our January 5 White Stone Ceremony. These beloved annual traditions will also be livestreamed, along with our December 31 early morning World Peace Meditation.

If you are planning to make year-end charitable gifts, please consider including Unity in your generosity. Your donations will make a big difference as we fully reopen in 2022 and continue to spread the good news of our Unity teachings, and to serve our community, our neighbors and the world in many wonderful ways. Help us ensure that Unity of Houston remains strong for years to come.

On behalf of the ministers, staff, and board of directors, I wish you the deepest blessings of the season. In the depths of the darkest nights, know that your light shines brightly.

In service


Rev. Michael Gott
Senior Minister

Unity of Houston Holiday Services 2021

Twelve Powers Candle Lighting Ceremony

(In Person + Livestream)

December 15th | 7 PM

Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service

(In Person + Livestream)

December 24th | 5 PM and 7 PM

World Peace Meditation and Breakfast

(In Person + Livestream)

December 31st | 6 AM

New Year's Eve Burning Bowl Ceremony

(In Person + Livestream)

December 31st | 7 PM

White Stone Ceremony

(In Person + Livestream)

January 5th | 7 PM

New Year's Eve BURNING BOWL CEREMONY

IN PERSON + LIVESTREAM

Friday, December 31 | 7:00 pm

The new year is the perfect time to reflect and release the past and that which no longer serves your highest good. Make room for the sacredness of spirit and a fresh start in the new year as Rev. Michael Gott leads us through a very special Burning Bowl Ceremony. Come and let go of the past and begin anew!

World Peace MEDITATION AND BREAKFAST

6:00 am | Pyramid

In the World Peace Meditation, millions of people around the globe simultaneously link their minds to achieve a critical mass of spiritual consciousness, and to usher in a new era of Peace on Earth. This meditation is held at Unity of Houston at 6:00 am to synchronize with other meditators around the world.

**Childcare NOT available for this service.*



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December 2021
Sunday Service | 11:00 am

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SEASON OF Joy



Friday, December 24

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE LIGHTING SERVICES **5:00 pm and 7:00 pm | Sanctuary and Livestream**

Here at Unity of Houston, our Christmas Eve candle lighting services have become our most beloved tradition. We gather to sing and be lifted by the music, to pray together, to be inspired by our teaching, but most of all to share in the light. As we light our individual candles, we are reminded of who and what we are. Jesus said, "Don't you know? You are the light of the world."



Unity offices and campus will be closed from December 26-30

FINDING YOUR SACRED

Spiritual Gift

Each human soul has an individual mark that it leaves behind on everyone it touches. This 5-week course will support you as you delve deeper in to your True Self (Who have you come here to be?) and experience your own unique expression.



Leaving a LEGACY WORKSHOP 2021

7:00 pm

This informative workshop is designed to assist you in understanding the benefits of basic estate and gift planning and how your Legacy can shape the future of Unity of Houston for the next generation.

MARCH
10
7:00 pm

RENEW

Meditation Retreat at CAMP ALLEN

MAY
20

Friday May 20 - Sunday May 22
\$250 single/private room | \$450 per couple/shared room

Join your Unity of Houston community for a time of deepening, connection, and stillness in this 3-day, 2-night self-guided retreat. Consider this an opportunity to reconnect to your deepest self and to reset your heart, mind and body.

unityhouston.org/renew

January SUNDAY *Talk* SERIES

"A Prosperous New Year"

Jesus said, "I have come that they might have life and have it more abundantly." We are created to have lives of meaning, purpose, connection, abundance, and fulfillment. Our teachings point the way to living our lives as fully as possible. In this three-part series, Rev. Michael will explore our Unity prosperity and abundance teachings in the light of the changing world we now find ourselves inhabiting."

WHITE STONE CEREMONY

7:00 pm | Pyramid

Sunday
JANUARY
05

The white stone is an ancient ritual from biblical times. When people were released from bondage of any kind, they were given a white stone. Receive the name of your new Divine Nature for 2022. Join Rev. Karen Tudor and Rev. Jeanmarie Eck for this very powerful and contemplative service as we set our intentions to receive the blessings of the New Year upon which to write a new name.

PROSPERITY PLUS III

In this 7-week tithing program, you will learn:

- The art and science of true transformation
- Techniques to dissolving the blocks that are sabotaging your life
- How giving of your time, talent and treasure unleashes the flow of your highest good and abundance

Begins Thursday, March 10

HYBRID CLASS | 11:00 AM
Zoom & Office Classroom
Rev. Jeanmarie Eck

Begins Sunday, January 16

HYBRID CLASS | 1:30 PM
Zoom & Office Classroom
Rev. Michael Gott & Rev. Shirley Knight

CLASSES



Deepening Our Practice

SPIRITUAL EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT WEEK

We are so excited to welcome you to S.E.E. Week, Winter 2022. We have a collection of courses designed to help us "Deepen Our Practice" of building consciousness and application of spiritual Truths.

unityhouston.org/see

January 30 -February 6

Register Now!



Note: All regular classes will be offered virtually. The Saturday Meditation Retreat will be in person only!

INTRODUCTION to

SoulCollage®

Artful Self Expression

Mondays, beginning February 7 | 7:00 pm

Love to create? Using intuition and imagination, you can create fascinating and beautiful SoulCollage® cards that reflect you and your inner wisdom! Come with us on this online journey of self-knowledge and self-expression through a fun and easy art process that anyone can do! Join our Unity of Houston SoulCollage® community!



LIVING THE FIVE LOVE LANGUAGES A Couples' Retreat

10:00 am - 4:00 pm | Pyramid | \$150 Couple

This workshop is presented by Cindy Cline and Ed Green, LCSW, LPHA. Join us for a unique, uplifting and fun experience into living the Five Love Languages. Cindy is the author of "Always Hope", a Life Coach, and Director of Sacred Services at Unity of Houston.

FEBRUARY

12



VOW Renewals

Sunday, February 13 | 12:30 pm | Pyramid

Our Unity Vow Renewal Ceremony has been an annual tradition for many years and is a beautiful ceremony that countless couples have used to deepen their commitment to one another. This ceremony is open to all committed couples in our community.

