

# Sunday services

## **January 6 – 10:30 a.m. New Year’s service: Your One Wild and Precious Life – Rev. Joy Atkinson**

It’s a new year and a new era in America, a time for resolutions, perhaps on how to live the rest of our lives most fruitfully. The service and sermon will explore the issue of time in our lives and how we might live more fully in this new year and beyond.

## **January 13 – 10:30 a.m. Following a Dream – Rev. Joy Atkinson**

This service in honor of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King will focus on issues of racial justice and the phenomenon of white privilege, woven together with African American poetry and personal experience.

## **January 20 – 10:30 a.m. Baba Jamal Koram**

World-renowned storyteller Baba Jamal Koram will return to tell inspirational stories from many lands. A storyteller in the African American Griotic tradition, he is also an author, spirit drummer and singer who reaches out to all age groups everywhere.

Baba Jamal has given thousands of performances throughout the United States – for kindergarteners university students, at Kennedy Center and Lincoln Center, as well as at festivals, special community events, workshops and in theaters. His repertoire includes epics, songs, riddles, proverbs, chants and drumming. He has served as a consultant, counselor, educator and friend for countless youth and in many schools’ youth programs, including Boys Clubs, Upward Bound and the African Heritage Education Drumming Camps for Boys. “Everywhere I have been, families have shown concerns for family, respect for elders, strength of character, and a reverence for life,” Baba Jamal said. “These are the stories I tell.” Baba Jamal earned B.A. and M.A. degrees from SUNY, New Paltz State University in New York, and an Ed.S degree from the University of Virginia.

## **January 27 – 10:30 a.m. God’s Goods: Natural and Human -- Brad Carrier**

Religion can seem weak in both humanistic and environmental terms, dwelling on the sorts of goods and evils that leave many ashamed, alienated, and believing they have to believe to be good. Rev. Carrier will share a scriptural and logical rationale for affirming our human lives and our natural world religiously. Theists and atheists alike have wonderful lives and a precious planet to care for. Following the service, Rev. Carrier will offer a workshop, “History & Her Story: Global Warming,” from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. All of our stories, he states, even history itself, are within Her (Earth’s) story, and Her story is lately one of sudden, catastrophic and needless heating. Seeing what is happening and why will help us avert disaster while adapting to impending changes. Rev. Carrier has served UU congregations throughout the country, most recently in Ashland and Grants Pass, Ore. He devotes some of his semi-retirement to learning and teaching about global warming, which included a training session last August with Al Gore and his Climate Reality Project.