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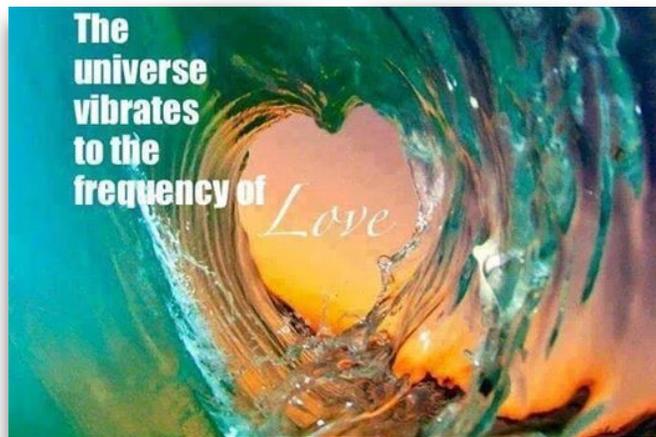
## WHITE STONE CEREMONY Sunday, February 23

Start Lent this year with a new sense of Easter by seeing what Spirit has in store for your lenten experience.

## TIME CHANGE Sunday, March 8



No one wants to miss even one of our wonderful services. So here's just a reminder. Let's be sure and set our clocks forward one hour on March 7.



## The Truth Is...

***“Then he showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations..” (Rev.22:1-2)***

The book of Revelation is often interpreted to be of some future apocalyptic world experience. However, in my experience, Spirit truly only lives in the now and reveals Truth for the now. Where is this place that is mentioned in John's vision? Is it a place in the outer world? Is it really about some far past or future event? For me, and in Unity teachings, it is neither, but it is a depiction of the pure life of God that flows into each of us through our spiritual body,



**Rev. Paula Skiles**

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**Need Prayer?** A Prayer Box is located at back of Sanctuary. Our Prayer Friends pray on your request for 30 days and then forward to Silent Unity, who also pray on the request for 30 days.

**24/7 Silent Unity Prayer  
Partner Line 800-669-7729**

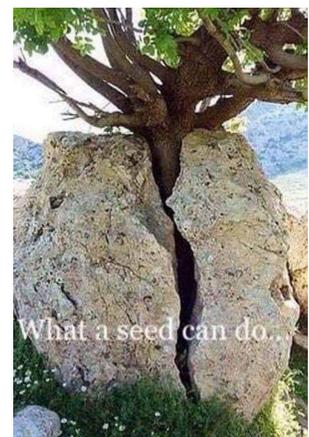
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what we call our aura, and is reflected by our physical body. So does this vision have any meaning for us today? Let me offer a definite yes!

The throne denotes the establishment of the spiritual word with the soul, through which authority is given us to exercise power and dominion (to bring our hopes and dreams to life). There is that in us that comprehends and knows in wisdom. There are two ways of building our spiritual faculties. One is by following the guidance of Spirit, the direct power of the Word, the I AM, (the purifying of the twelve apostles of Jesus), that dwells within, and the other is to go blindly ahead and learn by the evolutionary law of experience and trial (the school of the twelve sons of Jacob). Here I am referring to more than just literal, written words, but the embodiment of what those written words convey; the very energy of Spirit in them. For example, living, knowing, and expressing **AS** peace, beauty, power, love, courage, etc.

The Lamb symbolizes the indwelling divine life, whose nature is to vivify, with perpetual life. This river of living water is the expression of spiritual thoughts through the soul. The movement of spiritual thinking produces an effect upon the body...a vital energy, a fine essence of life (and of the lamb), which flows through the nerves and courses through the blood. In other words, the more you and I think and feel expressing as peace, love, beauty, power, etc., the more we are physically and mentally uplifted, healed, and transformed.

The tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruits are ideas of divine life experienced in the body through the nervous system as health, well being, longevity, good humor, etc. As we express and incorporate into our lives the activity of divine ideas, (peace, strength, faith, love, compassion, generosity, etc.), the leaves of the tree that were for healing become the spiritualized thoughts that heal



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our physical, mental, psychic, and emotional bodies, (the nations) and guide us in our everyday lives and bring forth choices that heal erroneous beliefs and attitudes.

Trees, as a rule bend with the wind and are flexible as well as strong. As you and I listen to the guidance of Spirit and follow it or bend with the wind in faith, we grow up strong toward the light of wisdom and understanding. Faith is a deep inner knowing that that which is sought is already ours. It is the perceiving power of the mind linked with the power to shape substance. As you and I establish the Word in our being, our thoughts and action, then, divine life moving through our soul spiritualizes us. It is in our faith that we then express and experience the Christ mind that was in Jesus. It isn't so much that one has to have faith that Spirit is real and gives us all good things, as it is that the more open we are to allowing God thoughts to live in us, our lives are brought into the wholeness that is meant for us.

This vision is really only about the experience you and I have when we choose to live out our greater nature of love, peace, compassion, life, and power as Christ. We will experience the results of being healed, uplifted and find ourselves more capable of living through adversity because our nature has transformed or perhaps simply just evolved, if you will. Our bodies, minds and souls are made anew in Truth. Therefore, I hope this interpretation offers you the understanding that Jesus' messages of Spirit were always about our personal present and how to experience being in oneness with our Father/Mother.

Think on this...blessings, Rev P

### Unity Church of San Marcos Vision Meeting

Jan 12, 2020 12-1pm



**We have a unique opportunity to envision several possibilities for our church. Please come be a part of this important meeting to determine the path we walk as a spiritual family. We will meet right after service. Everyone who sees this church as your spiritual home will want to be present to have a voice in our choices.**



## WHITE STONE CEREMONY

Sunday, Feb. 23, 2020

**We will be offering this special meditative service to connect to the spiritual attributes surrounding us for Easter during Lent. The white stone was one of freedom, recognizing that a person literally had a new name. It also stood for the small deaths of our life.**

**Come be a part of this freeing and insightful service to have a deeper experience of Easter this year.**

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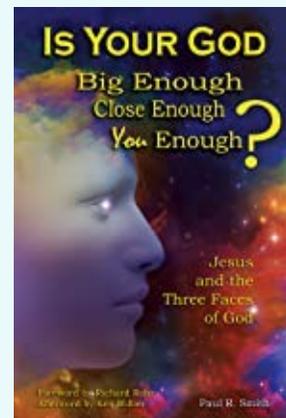


## Is Your God Big Enough, Close Enough, You Enough?

*By Rev. Paul Smith*

Sundays, Jan. 19-Mar. 1  
12:30-2p.m.

This book presents a new framework for knowing the God of Jesus Christ. It reveals, in biblical, experiential, and contemporary terms, the Three Faces of God. These three dimensions of God uncover the bigger, closer, and more human God than many people commonly understand and experience. Join Rev. Paula as we find a God who is big enough for our minds, close enough to our hearts, and us enough for, and as, our deepest identity.



## I AM A LIVING PRAYER

### Harnessing the Miraculous Energies of Christ Within to Heal Others, Your Life, and the World

#### Feb. 7-8, 2020

Stop. Rest for a moment. Let's look at what it means to travel lightly, in terms of not carrying the burdens of society today. Let's become intrigued again by what is really good about ourselves. Is your life on overload or perhaps you just feel a need to spend some dedicated time in connecting to the Christ within?

Join us for a special weekend of activities created specifically for your soul's spiritual renewal, rest and inspiration. During this weekend you have a choice... you could stay at the Wildflower Country Inn in Wimberly, TX or just come for the evening event on Fri. Feb. 7 or full day event Sat. Feb. 8 for spiritual treatment, drumming, and spiritual dance, art journaling, music with Lissie Connelly and more.



Registration Prior to Jan. 3, 2020

Feb. 7 Fri. 5-9 pm \$25

Feb. 8 Sat. 10:00 am -4:30 pm \$75 Includes box lunch

Weekend Retreat Feb. 7-9, \$199 Includes 2 nights stay in shared double occupancy rooms, 5 meals and all activities. Spa services extra.

For More Information: [paula.skiles@yahoo.com](mailto:paula.skiles@yahoo.com) or Call Paula @ 210 419 3075

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT BOOK STUDY 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Keep in mind that every Wednesday evening there is a wonderful book study held in our Friendship Hall. The Wednesday Night Book Group will begin reading *The Aaron/Q'uo Dialogues: An Extraordinary Conversation between Two Spiritual Guides* on Wed. Dec. 11. This book is by Barbara Brodsky and Carla Rueckert. We meet at 6 p.m. for visiting and snacks, we have a short meditation at 6:20 and begin exploring the book at 6:30.