

## 6 Sources

**The living tradition which we share  
draws from many sources:**

- 1. Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;**
- 2. Words and deeds of prophetic people which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;**
- 3. Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;**
- 4. Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;**
- 5. Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit;**
- 6. Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.**