

Seven Principles

Unitarian Universalism is a non-creedal liberal religious tradition that does not require its members to subscribe to or testify about any specific dogma or creed. We come together in a community of affirmation, choosing to base our discussion and actions on seven central principles:

The inherent worth and dignity of every person.

Justice, equity and compassion in human relations.

Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations.

A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.

The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.

Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Six Sources

Unitarian Universalism draws from many sources. These principles and sources of faith are the backbone of our religious community.

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.

Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love.

Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life.

Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves.

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.

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.



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“Coming Back to Life”



Guest Speaker Rev. Eric Cherry
Led by Sylvia Keady

April 16th, 2017

Love is the doctrine of this church.
The quest for truth is its sacrament.
And service is its prayer.

Prelude

"You Make Me Smile" (by Amy White and Al Petteway)

Welcome

Opening Words

Chalice Lighting



First Hymn

"Lo, the Day of Days is here" (#269, *Singing the Living Tradition*)

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Meditation



Second Hymn

"Spirit of Life" (#123, *Singing the Living Tradition*)

Story for All Ages

"The Little Monk and the Samurai: A Zen Parable" (by Trent T. Gillis, illustrated by David Lee Csicsko)

In unison:

Go now in peace, go now in peace. May the spirit of love surround you,
everywhere, everywhere you may go.

Offertory

First Reading

—Ellen Bass "Pray for Peace"

Sermon

"Coming Back to Life" (by Rev. Eric Cherry)



Third Hymn

"(We are) Building a New Way" (#1017, *Singing the Journey*)

Benediction

Extinguishing the Chalice

In unison:

We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth, the warmth of community,
or the fire of commitment. These we carry in our hearts until we are together
again.

—Elizabeth Selle Jones

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Coffee Hour & Discussion of the Sermon

Announcements

Newcomers welcome! — We hope you felt at home here with us. Please be sure to sign the sign-in sheet in the lobby. If you'd like more information about the WUU, please visit our homepage or Facebook group, given below.

Getting Involved — Various committees have been formed in the last few months and still more participation is needed by members and friends alike. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!

Visioning — Our visioning workshop is underway, and we're currently busy finding a solicitor for the event!

Strictly Fun Fourth Sundays (or Saturdays) — Have an idea? Just suggest it (even spontaneously), and see who comes!

We welcome your contributions no matter the size or form. Anyone with ideas for events, please do share them in person, on Facebook or via email!