

## UU Values

**Love** is the power that holds us together and is at the center of our shared values. We are accountable to one another for doing the work of living our shared values through the spiritual discipline of Love. Inseparable from one another, these shared values are:

**Interdependence.** We honor the interdependent web of all existence. With reverence for the great web of life and with humility, we acknowledge our place in it. We covenant to protect Earth and all beings from exploitation. We will create and nurture sustainable relationships of care and respect, mutuality and justice. We will work to repair harm and damaged relationships.

**Pluralism.** We celebrate that we are all sacred beings, diverse in culture, experience, and theology. We covenant to learn from one another in our free and responsible search for truth and meaning. We embrace our differences and commonalities with Love, curiosity, and respect.

**Justice.** We work to be diverse multicultural Beloved Communities where all thrive.

*We covenant to dismantle racism and all forms of systemic oppression. We support the use of inclusive democratic processes to make decisions within our congregations, our Association, and society at large.*

**Transformation.** We adapt to the changing world. We covenant to collectively transform and grow spiritually and ethically. Openness to change is fundamental to our Unitarian and Universalist heritages, never complete and never perfect.

**Generosity.** We cultivate a spirit of gratitude and hope. We covenant to freely and compassionately share our faith, presence, and resources. Our generosity connects us to one another in relationships of interdependence and mutuality.

**Equity.** We declare that every person is inherently worthy and has the right to flourish with dignity, love, and compassion.

We covenant to use our time, wisdom, attention, and money to build and sustain fully accessible and inclusive communities.



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## “Choosing Hope”

Sunday, December 7, 2025  
10:30 a.m.

**Worship Leader:**  
**Rev. Drew Frantz**

**Worship Associate:**  
**Victoria Sladek**

*“The hope that interests me... looks the world full on, it looks reality in the face, and it refuses to accept that things have to be this way. And then this orientation of hope throws one’s intelligence, one’s energy, one’s persistence, one’s creativity and courage behind that insistence.”*

-Krista Tippett



## **Call to Worship**

**Welcome & Land  
Acknowledgement**

**Chalice Lighting**

**Opening Song #146:  
“Soon the Day Will Arrive”**

**Time for All Ages**

**Singing Out the Children**

*As you go, my heart goes with you.  
Peace be with you ‘til we meet again.*

**Choir Anthem**

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

*Congregational response:  
“Holding you in love”*

**Meditation and Prayer**

**Sacred Song #123: “Spirit of Life”**

*Spirit of Life, come unto me.  
Sing in my heart  
all the stirrings of compassion.  
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;  
move in the hand,  
giving life the shape of justice.  
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;  
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.*

**Reading for Contemplation**

**Morning Message**

**Offertory**

*special collection for the Infant Pantry*

**Closing Song:**

**“We Are Going”**

**Chalice Extinguishing**

*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.*

**Benediction**

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**Saturday, December 13 @ 4:00**

**“Blue Holidays” service**