

## The Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism

We covenant to affirm and promote:

- 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.

### **Proposed 8th Principle:**

- Journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.

– OUR MISSION –

*To be a religious community guided by love,  
transforming our lives and our world.*

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*Open Arms • Open Minds • Open Hearts*

**Sunday, September 5, 2021**

## “Water Ingathering”

10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
in the sanctuary and on Zoom

11:30 a.m. Water Ritual  
outside on the porch steps  
and on Zoom

Worship Leader: Rev. Andrew Frantz  
Pianist/Cellist: Beth Macleod

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– WORSHIP SERVICE –

**\*Opening Song**

#361 “Enter, Rejoice and Come In”

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Chalice Lighting**

**Time for All Ages**

**Sharing of Joys and Sorrows**

**Meditation and Prayer**

**Song**

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.

**Offertory**

“The First Principle”

- composed for UUFCM by David Wolfson

**Morning Message**

**Chalice Extinguishing**

Please read together:

*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.*

– WATER RITUAL –

**Prelude**

“The Water Is Wide”

**Reading**

“Summer Sabbath”

- Kathleen McTigue

**Gathering of the Waters**

**Responsive Reading**

LEADER: You and I and all of us blew about with the winds of summer, following the sun in different ways of freedom and play, finding rest in the cool stillness of shadows, and moving to the slow heatstruck rhythms which turned the long hours of summer light.

CONGREGATION: Now it is time for gathering in. We come together at this time and in this place on the bridge of autumn.

LEADER: Summer is fading backward into memory, and winter waits in snowy brilliance. We meet with eagerness and delight, needing one another for sharing. We have joys and sorrows and hopes to share, questions, things we care about and want to help make better, things that we would like to understand, ideas waiting to be heard.

CONGREGATION: Today, we are together in gladness, once more the special community that we call our fellowship,

ALL: A community of all ages that sings its songs, tells its thoughts, asks its questions, and searches together with courage and with love.

**Signing of Membership Book**

**Benediction**

Sunday, September 12, 2021

Join the UU Congregation of Somerset Hills

*\*Please rise as you are willing and able.*