

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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Unitarian Universalist
Fellowship of
Central Michigan

Open Arms • Open Minds • Open Hearts

Sunday, September 19, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

“Blessing of Children and Teachers”

Worship Leader: Rev. Andrew Frantz

Pianist: Beth Macleod

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Blessing of Children and Teachers

***Opening Song**

#361 "Enter, Rejoice, and Come In"

Land Acknowledgement

Welcome and Announcements

Chalice Lighting

Responsive Reading

*I seek the spirit of a child,
the child who meets life naturally,
the child who sings the world alive,
and greets the morning sun with glee.*

Children are real beyond all art.

May I see: Joy's a gift to our heart.

*I seek the freedom of a child,
a child who loves instinctively,
who lights our day with just a smile,
and shines that light on all we see.*

Children are real beyond all fears.

May I see: Hope's a gift to our tears.

*I seek the wonder of a child,
a child who sees delightfully,
now clowns in cloud, now gold in sun—
imagination true and free.*

Children are real beyond all lies.

May I see: Faith's a gift to our eyes.

Time for All Ages

Sharing of Joys and Sorrows

Meditation and Prayer

Song

#123 "Spirit of Life"

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

Offering

Reading

"On Children"

- Kahlil Gibran

Morning Message

Hymn

#338 "I Seek the Spirit of a Child"

Fellowship Life Meeting

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.*

***Benediction**

Your children are not your children.
They are the sons and the daughters of life's
longing for itself.

They come through you but they are not
from you; and though they are with you,
they belong not to you.

- Kahlil Gibran

*The Mount Pleasant school board meets once every
two weeks, Mondays at 6:30. The board is wrestling
with divisive and controversial issues, and welcomes
public support and public comment.*

Sunday, September 26, 2021

Embracing Possibility