

## 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*

“You talk when you cease to be  
at peace with your thoughts;  
...When you can no longer dwell  
in the solitude of your heart  
you live in your lips, and  
sound is a diversion...”

*~ Kahlil Gibran*

**Sunday, October 3, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.**

## **“Are You Listening?”**

Worship Leader: Laura McBride

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### **Opening Hymn**

#346 "Come, Sing a Song with Me"

### **Land Acknowledgment**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Chalice Lighting**

### **Story for All Ages**

### **Reading**

"In Gatherings"

- Rev. Marta Valentin

### **Offertory**

"Love Knocks and Waits for Us to Hear"

- Joyful Noise Choir

### **Sharing of Joys and Sorrows**

### **Meditation**

### **Hymn**

#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.*

### **Morning Message**

"Are You Listening?"

- Rev. David Ruffin

### **Musical Interlude**

### **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**



If the opposite of violence is indeed listening,  
then listening can be an act of love  
that can bring us and our world  
much needed peace.

- Rev. David Ruffin

Sunday, October 10, 2021

**Relationship Among UUs**