

Preamble:

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

Unitarian Universalism 7 Principles

- 1: The inherent worth and dignity of every person;**
- 2: Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;**
- 3: Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;**
- 4: A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;**
- 5: The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;**
- 6: The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;**
- 7: Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.**

These seven principles were the defining statement of UU values from their adoption in 1984 until their revision in 2024, and still represent a core philosophy of our faith.



Unitarian Universalist
Fellowship of
Central Michigan

Open Arms • Open Minds • Open Hearts

“Hope, JOY and Resistance”

**Sunday, January 4, 2026
10:30 a.m.**

**Worship Leader:
Norma Bailey**

**Worship Associate:
Guy Newland**

Pianist: Beth Macleod

*“In a time of hate
Love is an act of resistance
In a time of fear
Faith is an act of resistance
In a time of misinformation
Education is an act of resistance
In a time of poor leadership
Community is an act of resistance
In a time like this
Joy is an act of resistance
Resist. Resist. Resist.” ~by Loryn Brantz*



**Opening Song #361:
“Enter, Rejoice, and Come In”**

Welcome

Chalice Lighting

**Story for All Ages
“The Starfish Story”**

Singing Out the Children

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

Joyful Noise Choir

“Joy on the Journey of Life”

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

*Congregational response:
“Holding you in love”*

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.*

Quote: Author Unknown

Quote: by Alexander Karn on
Why Protests (like “No Kings”)
Matter

Story passed on by Frederic
and Mary Ann Brussat

Commentary

**Joyful Noise Choir
“Turn Me ‘Round”**

Song

“We Shall Not Be Moved”

Offertory

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

“This Joy” by the Resistance
Revival Chorus