

Unitarian Universalists have many ways of articulating our seven [Principles](#) in simpler language. Here's the way our [Tapestry of Faith](#) children's programs describe them:

[1st Principle](#): We believe that each and every person is important.

[2nd Principle](#): We believe that all people should be treated fairly and kindly.

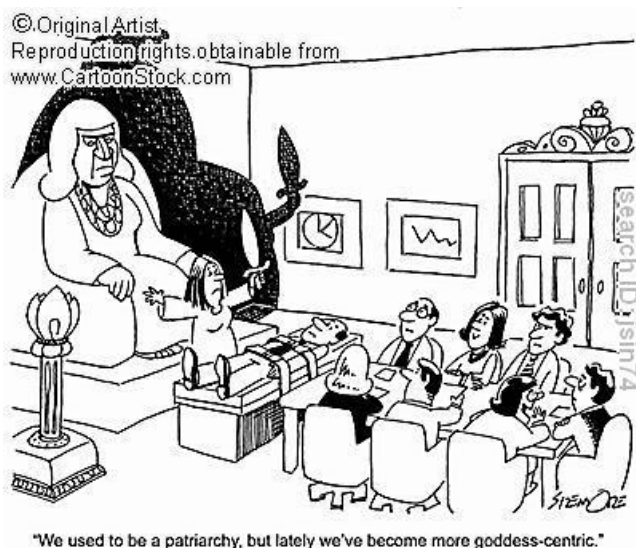
[3rd Principle](#): We believe that we should accept one another and keep on learning together.

[4th Principle](#): We believe that each person must be free to search for what is true and right in life.

[5th Principle](#): We believe that all persons should have a vote about the things that concern them.

[6th Principle](#): We believe in working for a peaceful, fair, and free world.

[7th Principle](#): We believe in caring for our planet Earth, the home we share with all living things.



The First Parish Church *The Unitarian Universalist Church*

On the Common, Billerica Massachusetts



Dissecting Patriarchy **Aug 2nd, 2026**

Worship Leader:	Rev. Steve Wilson
Sound/Equipment:	John Luke Mills
Zoom Team:	Sarah Mills, John Bewick, Tara Maharjan
Greeter:	Barbara Moloney

PRELUDE:

WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR:

CHALICE LIGHTING: The Flame We Kindle Now

OPENING WORDS: A Minority Perspective

OPENING HYMN: #212 We are Dancing Sarah's Circle

STORY FOR ALL AGES: "I Dissent" w R.B. Ginsburg

PARTING SONG/ SINGING OUT THE CHILDREN

*"Go Now in Peace, Go Now in Peace, Let the Spirit of Love
Surround you, Everywhere, Everywhere, You May Go."*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

*Love is the doctrine of this church. The quest for truth its
sacrament, and service is its prayer. To dwell together in peace,
to seek knowledge in freedom, to serve humanity in fellowship, to
the end that all souls shall grow into harmony with the Divine:
thus do we covenant with each other and with God.*

CENTERING HYMN: #123 Spirit of Life

PRAYER: I Love Prayer

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

CANDLES OF JOY AND CONCERN:

MUSICAL MEDITATION/INTERLUDE:

RESPONSIVE READING: #575, by Margaret Fuller

SERMON: Dissecting Patriarchy

OFFERTORY WORDS: Angel's Wings

CHORAL RESPONSE/MUSICAL OFFERTORY:

DOXOLOGY*

From all that dwell below the skies
Let songs of love and faith arise
Let peace, goodwill on earth be sung
Through every land, by every tongue. Amen

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE* Elizabeth Selle Jones

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.

CLOSING HYMN: #1017 Building a New Way (Teal)

*(the hymn is sung facing the world we are about to enter)

BENEDICTION: Peace Seeking Justice w Jim Magaw

POSTLUDE:

*Please stand in body or spirit.

*Please join us for refreshments downstairs immediately after the service

