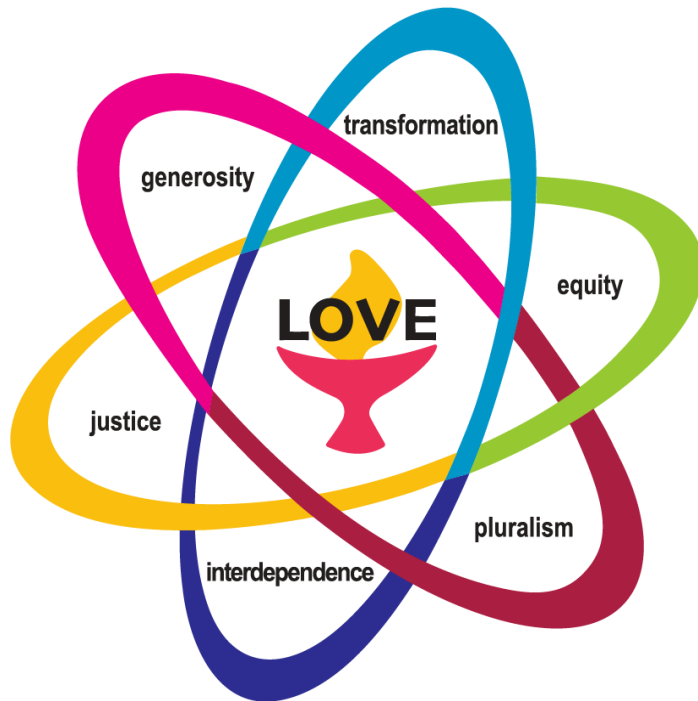


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As Unitarian Universalists, we covenant, congregation-to-congregation and through our Association, to support and assist one another in our ministries. We draw from our heritages of freedom, reason, hope, and courage, building on the foundation of love. Love is the power that holds us together and is at the center of our shared values. We are accountable to one another for doing the work of living our shared values through the spiritual discipline of Love. Inseparable from one another, these shared values are: Interdependence, Equity, Transformation, Pluralism, Generosity, and Justice.

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“Tell Her She Can’t”

May 10, 2026
Worship Leader: Teresa English
Worship Assistant: Meredith Lovell
Musician: Liz Cardenas
Coffee Hour Host:

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS

CHALICE LIGHTING

OPENING WORDS: Appeal to womanhood throughout the world by Julia Ward Howe

OPENING SONG*: STJ #1051 “We Are”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH*:

Love is the doctrine of this church. The quest of truth is 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 we covenant with each other and with God.

STORY FOR ALL AGES: Water Protectors

SING OUT THE CHILDREN:

Go Now in Peace, Go Now in Peace, Let the Spirit of love surround you, Everywhere, Everywhere, You May Go

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

MUSICAL MEDITATION: The Mother, by Brandi Carlile

SERMON: “Tell Her She Can’t”

OFFERTORY WORDS:

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

CLOSING WORDS

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE*

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*: Circle of Women (see insert)
(This hymn is sung facing the world we are about to enter)

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE:

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Please join us for refreshments downstairs immediately after the service

Circle of Women

by Nalini Blossom

May all mothers know that they are loved
And may all sisters know that they are strong
And may all daughters know that they are
worthy
That the circle of women may live on **2x**

May all mothers know that they are loved
And may all sisters know that they are strong
And may all daughters know that they are
worthy
That the fire of the Goddess may burn on **2x**
Wehaheya wehaheya wehahey wehaheya **2x**

May all mothers know that they are loved
And may all sisters know that they are strong
And may all daughters know that they are
beautiful
That the circle of women may live on **2x**

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