

## Our Unitarian Universalist Values

### Love

Love is the power that holds us together, accountable to one another, and is at the center of our shared values.

### Interdependence

We honor the interdependent web of all existence and acknowledge our place in it.

### Pluralism

We are all sacred beings, diverse in culture, experience, and theology.

### Justice

We work to be diverse multicultural Beloved Communities where all feel welcome and can thrive.

### Transformation

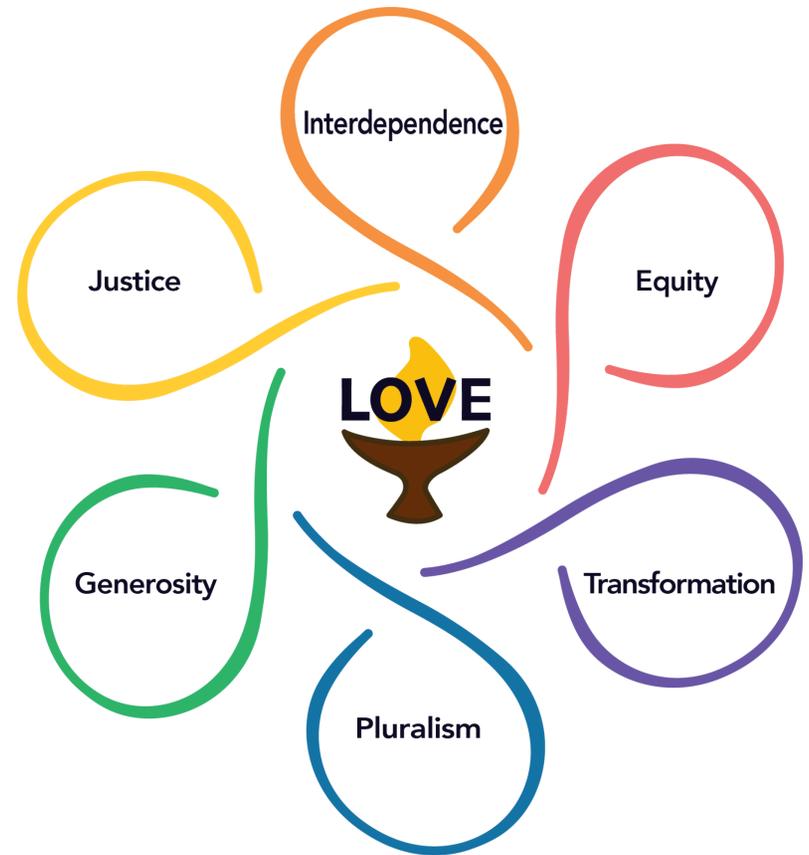
We adapt to the changing world.

### Generosity

We cultivate a spirit of gratitude and hope.

### Equity

We declare that every person is inherently worthy and has the right to flourish with dignity, love, and compassion.



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**Sunday, February 15, 2026**

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11:00 AM

Reb Yaakov “Trek” Reef, *Worship Leader*

Liz Cardenas, *Musician*

### **GATHERING MUSIC** | Bright Morning Stars

### **WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP**

### **CHALICE LIGHTING**

### **SHARING OUR COVENANT**

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 do we covenant with each other  
and with God.

### **ACT OF GENEROSITY**

### **SONG** | Rooted in Fertile Ground

### **STORY FOR OUR TIMES I**

‘The Pale Blue Dot’ • *Yaakov Trek Reef*

### **JOYS & SORROWS**

### **MEDITATION & PRAYER**

- In Words | A Poem by Robert Weston
- In Silence
- In Song | View The Starry Realm

### **STORY FOR OUR TIMES II**

‘A Theology of Noticing’ • *Yaakov Trek Reef*

### **EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

- Blue Boat Home, verse 1
- Closing Words
- Blue Boat Home, verse 2
- Extinguishing the Chalice
- Blue Boat Home, verse 3

### **MUSIC FOR GOING FORTH**

*Join us for refreshments & fellowship after worship.*

#### **Worship Tech Team**

Sarah Mills & John Bewick, *Zoom Hosts & Tech Team*

John Luke Mills, *Audio Tech*

#### **Coffee Hour Host**

Barbara Moloney

## Responsive Call to Worship

We gather this morning on a small and shining world, a fragile sphere suspended in a vast and dark cosmic sea.

***We gather on this pale blue dot,  
turning in the light of a star.***

From the silence before time,  
through the great flaring forth of galaxies,  
through the birth of stars and the forging of elements,  
through oceans forming and cells awakening--

***We have come to be.  
We are the universe,  
noticing itself.***

Here, on this thin crust of soil and story,  
we live our brief and beautiful lives  
between stardust memory and starlight destiny.

***We breathe borrowed air.  
We drink ancient water.  
We move upon ancestral ground.***

Seen from afar, there are no borders here.  
No nations. No divisions of creed or color.  
Only a single, shimmering home.

***One planet.  
One kin-dom of life.  
One shared future.***

And yet, within this smallness,  
we hold immeasurable power--  
to harm or to heal,  
to destroy or to cherish,  
to forget our belonging or to live into it.

***We choose remembrance.  
We choose reverence.  
We choose reciprocity.***

So let us enter into worship with widened eyes--  
humbled by scale,  
awakened by beauty,  
and called by love.

All: ***For we are not alone.  
We are woven of Earth and Star.  
And on this pale blue dot--  
We wander, we wonder, we worship, we love.***

## Rooted in Fertile Ground

*By Amanda Udis-Kessler*

We are rooted in fertile ground (fertile ground).  
We are rooted in fertile ground (fertile ground)  
And our roots go deep and our love abounds.  
We are rooted in fertile ground (fertile ground).

We are building a better day (better day).  
We are building a better day (better day).  
As we work and dream, we are on the way.  
We are building a better day (better day).

Chorus:     May compassion be our guide  
              As we offer up our lives  
              In the service of justice, peace and love.  
              May our faith and hope abide.

We're creating a world of love (world of love).  
We're creating a world of love (world of love)  
Where each living soul always has enough.  
We're creating a world of love (world of love).

We are healing the ones in pain (healing pain).  
We are healing the ones in pain (healing pain).  
We are changing lives as we start again.  
We are healing the ones in pain (healing pain).

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