

Returning to Love at its Source

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Prelude Slides	<i>Making Our Dreams Come True/By My Side</i>	Charles Fox/ Peggy Gordon
Gathering Music #131	<i>Love Will Guide Us</i>	Sally Rogers
Welcome and Centering		
Call to Worship\Chalice Lighting	<i>You Have Come</i>	Rev. Bob Janis-Dillon
Wonder Box Wisdom	<i>Invited</i>	
Reading	<i>There</i>	Connie Simon
Anthem	<i>Side by Side</i>	Lea Morris
Homily	<i>Primary Sources</i>	Lydia Patrick
Music for Reflection	<i>Love Reaches Out</i>	
Community Prayer - Returning to Love		
Hymn #402	<i>From You I Receive</i>	Joseph & Nathan Segal
Sharing Our Gifts	Offering shared with Mosaic of Georgia	
Offertory	<i>Every Road Leads Back to You</i>	Diane Warren
Gratitudes		
Call to Connection		
Hymn	<i>Side by Side (Reprise)</i>	Lea Morris
Closing Words	<i>The Home That Love Made</i>	Rev. Amanda Poppei
Extinguishing Our Chalice		Elizabeth Selle Jones (adapted)

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UUCG Beyond Sunday Morning

Events This Week

* in-person + online ~ off-site

- *+ **Today at 12:30pm:** *Belief Explorers*
- * Tue., Aug. 12 at 7:00pm: *Choir Rehearsal*
- * Thur., Aug. 14 at 6:30pm: *Music Night*
- * Sat., Aug. 16 at 9:00am: *UUCG Men's Group*

Belief Explorers

This week's August Belief Explorers is going to be a fun chat about what Plurality means to us as UUs. We'll kick things off by defining what Plurality is, and then explore what it's not. After that, we'll dive into what our group thinks about it all!

Thinking About Faith

We all find our own way to faith and our own way of understanding what it means. What was your path like and how has it shaped the way it fills your life? Use the space below to write out your thoughts:

UU Values

As Unitarian Universalists, we draw from our heritages of freedom, reason, hope, and courage, building six values with Love at the center. Inseparable from one another, these shared values are:

Interdependence: We honor the interdependent web of all existence.

Pluralism: We celebrate that we are all sacred beings, diverse in culture, experience, and theology.

Justice: We work to be diverse multicultural Beloved Communities where all 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.



A Brief History of Faith in the United States

The United States was founded on principles of religious freedom, attracting diverse religious groups, including Protestants seeking refuge from religious persecution in Europe. Throughout much of American history, Christianity, particularly Protestantism, held a dominant position in the nation's religious landscape.

The 19th and 20th centuries saw significant growth in religious affiliation, with church membership and attendance increasing, particularly among white Americans. The post-World War II era saw a further surge in religious involvement, with church attendance and faith playing a role in social life and national identity.

In recent decades, the percentage of Americans identifying as Christian has been declining, with a corresponding increase in those identifying as religiously unaffiliated (atheists, agnostics, and those with no religion). While Christianity remains the largest faith, other religions, including Islam, Buddhism, and Hinduism, have seen growth, contributing to a more diverse religious landscape.