

Unitarian Universalism's Seven Principles

Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote seven Principles, which we hold as strong values and moral guides. We live out these Principles within a "living tradition" of wisdom and spirituality, drawn from sources as diverse as science, poetry, scripture, and personal experience.

As Rev. Barbara Wells ten Hove explains, "The Principles are not dogma or doctrine, but rather a guide for those of us who choose to join and participate in Unitarian Universalist religious communities."

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

The seven Principles and six Sources of the Unitarian Universalist Association grew out of the grassroots of our communities, were affirmed democratically, and are part of who we are.

Local Resources

Alcoholics Anonymous: (618) 251-4000

Gamblers Anonymous: (314) 831-4444

Domestic violence: Oasis Women's Center
(618) 465-1978

Toll Free Hotline: (800) 244-1978

First Unitarian Church of Alton, IL

January 28, 2018



“Unitarian Postcards from Transylvania: The Joy of Religious Freedom”

Sermon by: Dr. Robert Kokenyesi

Outward Reaching ~ Inward Seeking

***We are creating and nurturing an intentional community
that values acceptance, social justice, and the
embodiment of UU principles.***

Come, let us question together.

Worship 10 a.m. Sundays

110 E. 3rd Street, Alton, IL

Wheelchair access via Easton Street entrance

Minister: Rev. Amy Brooks

Worship Associate today: Michael Tarabulski

Accompanist: Nicole Robbins

AV Tech: Ken Hoeft

Order of Service

Gathering Chime

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude – Church Bells from Kolozsvar

Lighting Chalice

We light this chalice, Symbol of Unitarian Universalism.
May it remind us of the divine spark within all of creation,
the power of love to heal what is broken, and to be grateful
for life's blessings each day.

Opening Words

Hymn # 346 “Come Sing a Song with Me”

Time for All Ages “The Princess in the Palace of Fire” Transylvanian folk tale

Singing the Children to their Classes

Go your way in peace,
Wander as you may
Blessed is the path you take,
May love guide you on your way.

Sharing in Stewardship

To the work of the church which is weaving a tapestry of love
we call community, we dedicate ourselves and these, our
offerings.

Joys and Sorrows

Hymn #115 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

Readings Meditation

Sermon – “The Joy of Religious Freedom“
(Dr. Rezi Elek’s original sermon from
Transylvania; translated and delivered by
Dr. Robert Kokenyesi)-

Hymn # 114 “Forward Through the Ages”

Extinguish Chalice

We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth, the warmth
of community, for the fire of commitment. These we carry in
our hearts until we are together again.

Benediction

Postlude – Nicole Robbins



Unitarian church interior, Nyaradszentmarton, Transylvania

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