

Unitarian Universalism's Seven Principles

Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote seven Principles, which we hold as strong values and moral guides.

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

Nat'l Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233);

For Deaf/Hard of Hearing: 1-800-787-3224

Nat'l Suicide Prevention Lifeline (800) 273-8255

Crisis Text Line: Text START to 741-741

The Trevor Project (LGBTQ Youth): (866) 488-7386

Trans Lifeline: (877) 565-8860

LGBT National Hotline: 1-888-843-4564

LGBT Youth Hotline: 1-800-969-6554

Website: www.firstuualton.org

Email: church@firstuualton.org

Church office: 618-462-2462

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First Unitarian Church of Alton February 24, 2019



“Unitarian Postcards from Transylvania: “The Perceivable vs. the Greater Truth”

Dr. Robert Kokenyesi

Outward Reaching ~ Inward Seeking

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

Come, let us question together.

Worship 10 am Sundays

110 E. 3rd Street, Alton, IL

Wheelchair access via Easton Street entrance

Minister: Pastor Amy Brooks

Accompanist: Nicole Robbins

Worship Associate today: Joy Hoeft

AV Tech: Ken Hoeft

Order of Service

Gathering Hymn - #1018 "Come and Go With Me"

Welcome

Prelude - Church Bells from Kolozsvar Unitarian Church

Opening Words – Thoughts About This Postcard
by Robert Kokenyesi

Chalice Lighting

(Unison)

*We gather this hour as people of faith: with joys and sorrows,
gifts and needs. We light this beacon of hope, sign of our quest
for truth and meaning, in celebration of the life we share
together.*

Time for all ages – "The fox, the bear, and the poor man"
Folk tale from Transylvania

Dismissal of children and teachers for religious education

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 - # 30 "Over My Head"

First Reading – "A tomb is no place to stay"
by Rev. Richard Gilbert

Second Reading – Excerpt from the Unitarian Christianity
by William Ellery Channing

Sermon – "The Perceivable vs. the Greater Truth"
(Sandor Szilard's original sermon from
Transylvania; translated and delivered by
Dr. Robert Kokenyesi)

Hymn - # 108 "My Life Flows in Endless Song"

Extinguish 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.*

Announcements

Closing Words – "Share your glorious light with the world"
by James Morison

Postlude – Nicole Robbins



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