#### 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

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# First Unitarian Church of Alton May 12, 2019



# "Unitarian Postcards from Transylvania: "Mother's Day"

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. 3ª Street, Alton, IL Wheelchair access via Easton Street entrance

Minister: Pastor Amy Brooks Accompanist: Nicole Robbins Worship Associate today: Mary Johnson

AV Tech: Ken Hoeft

# **Order of Service**

Gathering Hymn - #21 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Welcome

Prelude - Church Bells from Kolozsvar Unitarian Church

**Opening Words –** Ponderings 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 Story of the Flower Communion

#### 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 - # 298 "Wake Now My Senses"

First Reading – Excerpt from 'Mother's Day Proclamation by Julia Ward-Howe Second Reading – Excerpt from "How I Started Mother's Day" by Anna Jarvis

#### Sermon – "Mother's Day" (Papp Gy. Laszlo's original sermon; translated and delivered by Dr. Robert Kokenyesi)

Hymn - # 346 "Come Sing a Song With Me"

## **Flower Communion**

## **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 – Blessing of the Flower Communion by Norbert Capek

#### Postlude – Nicole Robbins



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