Unitarian Universalist Principles

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), covenant to affirm and promote:

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

Accessibility

Assistive Listening Devices, full-page magnifiers, large-print hymnals, and hymnals in Braille are available for borrowing. You'll find these when you turn left as soon as you enter the Auditorium, or ask an usher.

For those with Disabled parking placards or marked license plates: parking is available outside the west doors just past the drop-off lane in the right lane or in the lot just south of the church on Casady Drive.

Push Button Electric Entrance/Exit Door is available on the main floor, south side of the building.

A Lift is located on the main floor on the east side of the coat rack room and reaches all other levels of the church.

If anything else is needed, please make your need known at the Welcome Desk.

Thank you to today’s service participants & hospitality teams


AV Volunteer: 9:15 Bill Allen 11:00 Kent Newman
Pastoral Team Member on Duty: Ann Mowery

Tomato, Tomahto: Do Words Matter?
Rev. Amy Petrie Shaw, Barb Martin, Celebrant
March 15, 2020
Bruce Martin, Pianist

We are a Unitarian Universalist congregation that gathers together to experience wonder, grow connections, live and love generously, and nurture a more just world.

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Intoning the Chime
Barb Martin

Prelude
Bruce Martin

Opening Words and Greeting
Rev. Amy Petrie Shaw

Lighting the Flame
Barb Martin & Oliver Stamper, age 8, child of Anne & Adrian Stamper
adapted from the May 2019 Global Chalice Lighting
Celebrant: We light our chalice today so that the light may shine, and the candle may burn brightly
All: We light our chalice so that it may be a beacon in the darkness for those who need it

*Gathering Song #360
Here We Have Gathered

Welcome
Barb Martin

Spotlight
Central Iowa Trans Lives Festival; March 28, 1-5:00pm
Doug Aupperle

Living Faith
Iowa Justice For Our Neighbors (IJFON)
Barb Martin

Spotlight
Endowment Committee

Special Music
Sarah Letourneau & Natalie Mason
“The Weight of Lies” by the Avett Brothers

Story for All Ages
Oliver Stamper, age 8, child of Anne & Adrian Stamper

Children’s Benediction
Go in joy, go in peace to meet the day!
With open hearts embrace life’s wonder.
We will guide you, we will love you on your way.

Offering Words
Rev. Amy Petrie Shaw

Offertory Music
Bruce Martin

Joys and Concerns of the People
Rev. Amy Petrie Shaw

Song
Comfort Me by Mimi Bornstein
Comfort me (three times) ... O my soul.
Sing with me (three times) ... O my soul.

First Reading
From “The Church That is Free” James Luther Adams, 1975
Barb Martin

Meditation
Words from Unitarian Universalist Church of Greensboro, North Carolina
Rev. Amy Petrie Shaw

Second Reading
From “Getting Serious About Unitarian Universalism” by Scott Alexander
Barb Martin

*Song #6
Just as Long as I Have Breath

Sermon
“Tomato, Tomahto: Do Words Matter?”
Rev. Amy Petrie Shaw

Extinguish the Flame
Barb Martin & Congregation
“Chalice Extinguishing” by Robin F. Gray
Celebrant: The flame is extinguished
All: But not our hope for the future, our courage in the face of crisis, or the love we share in all the world.

*Song #108
My Life Flows on in Endless Song

Closing Words
Rev. Amy Petrie Shaw

Postlude “Hymn of Valor” (fast)
Bruce Martin

Note: Announcements for the coming week can be found through the Friday Intercom Weekly email or in the printed Intercom Sunday, found outside the main entrance to the Auditorium or on the hymnal book case inside the Auditorium.

* Please rise in body or spirit