

The Future of the Future
January 5th 2025

PRELUDE:

WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

OPENING WORDS: Forecasting is hard

CHALICE LIGHTING: Emma Goldman

OPENING HYMN*: SLT#34 Thou I May Speak
With Bravest Fire

STORY FOR ALL AGES: Inventing Things

SINGING OUT THE CHILDREN

*“Go Now in Peace, Go Now in Peace,
Let the Spirit of Love Surround you,
Everywhere, Everywhere, You May Go.”*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

*Love is the doctrine of this church. The quest for truth
its sacrament, and service is its prayer. To dwell
together in peace, to seek knowledge in freedom, to
serve humanity in fellowship, to the end that all souls
shall grow into harmony with the Divine: thus do we
covenant with each other and with God.*

CENTERING HYMN: SLT #123 Spirit of Life

PRAYER: Un-invited

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

CANDLES OF JOY AND CONCERN:

MUSICAL MEDITATION/INTERLUDE:

READING: What's Next From The Chicago
World's Fair

SERMON: The Future of the Future

OFFERTORY WORDS: Singing for your Supper

CHORAL RESPONSE/MUSICAL OFFERTORY:

DOXOLOGY*

From all that dwell below the skies
Let songs of love and faith arise
Let peace, goodwill on earth be sung
Through every land, by every tongue. Amen

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE* E.S. Jones

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.

CLOSING HYMN*:#318 We Would Be One

(this hymn is sung facing the world we are
about to enter)

BENEDICTION*: Mark Belletini

POSTLUDE:

*Please stand in body or spirit.

**Please join us for coffee and conversation
immediately after the service**

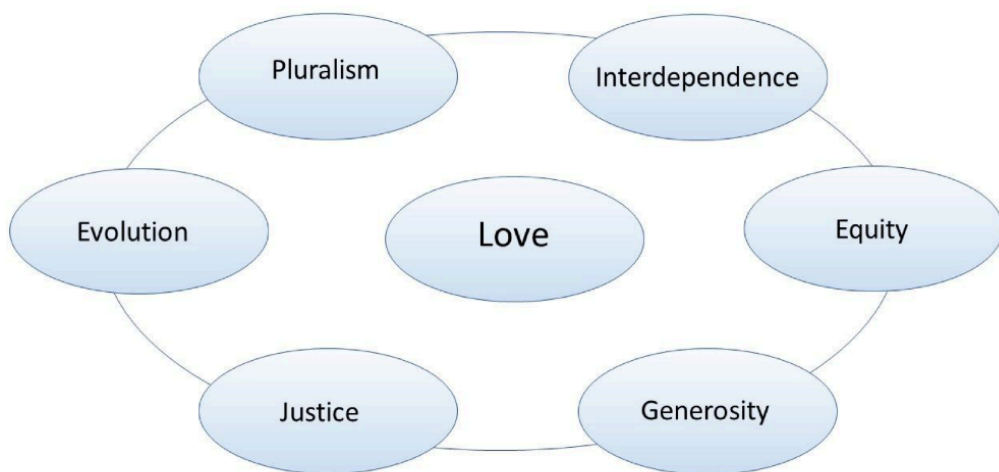
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Section C-2.2. Values and Covenant

Love is the enduring force that holds us together. As Unitarian Universalists in religious community, we covenant, congregation-to-congregation and through our association, to support and assist each other in engaging our ministries. We draw from our heritages of freedom and reason, hope and courage, building on the foundation of love. Love inspires and powers the passion with which we embody our values.

Inseparable from one another, these shared values are:



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On the Common, Billerica Massachusetts



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