

**We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist**

**Association, covenant to affirm and promote:**

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

***Inspired by many sources, we seek truth and grow in spirit.***

***Our Living Traditions include:***

- *Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;*
- *Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;*
- *Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;*
- *Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;*
- *Humanist teachings, which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit.*
- *Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions, which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.*

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# “Celebrating Earth Day”

**Rev. Margo Rinehart**

April 21, 2024



WE:

WELCOME DIVERSITY  
ACT FOR JUSTICE  
FOSTER SPIRITUAL GROWTH  
INSPIRE COMPASSION  
NURTURE COMMUNITY  
SUSTAIN OUR LIVING PLANET

UUFB Mission Statement

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**Prelude:** “What a Wonderful World” by Bob Thiele and George D. Weiss

**Greetings and Introduction**

Rev. Margo Rinehart

**Announcements**

Susan Backer, Lay Leader

**Greet Your Neighbor**

**Opening Words/Lighting of the Chalice**

Words by Laura Horton-Ludwig

**Time of Centering/Ringing of the Peace Bowl**

**Reading of the Covenant**

Love is the spirit of this church, and service is its prayer.

This is our covenant with one another, and the Spirit of Life:

To live together in peace, to seek truth in freedom,

And to help one another.

**Opening Hymn #298:** “Wake, Now, My Senses”

**Story for All Ages:** *It Started with a Big Bang: The Origin of Earth, You and Everything Else* by Floor Bal (author), Sebastiaan Van Doninck (illustrator)

**Sing Children Out:** “Go now in peace. Go now in peace. May the spirit of Love surround you, everywhere, everywhere you may go.”

**Readings:** First reading by Vanessa Southern and Alyson Jacks, second reading “For One Moment in This Day” by Phoebe Newman

**Hymn #163:** “For the Earth Forever Turning”

**Sermon:** “Celebrating Earth Day”

Rev. Margo Rinehart

**Responsive Reading:** from the United Nations Sabbath Service, Earth Day, 1990 (*see insert*)

**Musical Meditation:** *from Preludes (1930) I. La Colombe (The Dove)* by Olivier Messiaen

**Joys and Concerns**

**Musical Response #1002:** “Comfort Me”

“Comfort me, comfort me, comfort me, oh my soul.” (2x)

2nd verse: “Sing with me...” (2x)

**Offering**

**Closing Hymn #1064:** “Blue Boat Home” (*teal hymnal*)

**Closing Words/Extinguishing the Chalice**

Words by Diana Smith

**Closing Song #402:** “From You I Receive”

“From you I receive, to you I give, together we share, and from this we live.” (2x)



**We extend a special heartfelt thank you to:**

Speaker: Rev. Margo Rinehart

Lay Leader: Susan Backer

Pianist: Laurel Yost

Livestream Operator: Kitty Donich

RE Staff: Beth Witte, Christine Wilcox, Faila Bianchini & volunteers

**Children’s Religious Exploration (RE) Information:** Our programs include children of all ages. Children ages 2 to 12 are welcome to join RE class in the large classroom in the back of the building. We currently do not offer nursery service but if you have a child under 2, please feel free to grab a busy bag and use the nursery room as a calming space. For more information about the program or if you have questions, please contact the Religious Exploration Coordinator Beth Witte at [cre@uufbozeman.org](mailto:cre@uufbozeman.org).



### Upcoming Service

**April 28, 2024 • Imagination and Play: Should we really give up our “childish ways?” • Linda Larson and Bill Pelto**

Life sure can get serious at times, and we may feel that there is no room for imagination. Guest presenters Linda Larson and Bill Pelto believe that playfulness can deepen our experiences rather than trivialize them. They will discuss some of their own childish and childlike ways, play some music, and share others’ perspectives on creativity, imagination, and joy.

Welcome! If you are visiting, we invite you to contact us so we may inform you of our activities. Please join us after the service for coffee, tea, and conversation.

As a “Welcoming Congregation,” the UUFB seeks to be fully inclusive of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons.