

**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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# “The Gift of Pluralism”

**Rev. Margo Rinehart**

May 19, 2024

WE:

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

UUFB Mission Statement

## “The Gift of Pluralism”

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**Prelude:** “There Are Numerous Strings” by Rabindranath Tagore

**Greetings and Introduction** Rev. Margo Rinehart

**Announcements** Jeanne Moe, Lay Leader

**Greet Your Neighbor**

**Opening Words/Lighting of the Chalice**

Words by Julianne Lepp

**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 #1024:** “When the Spirit Says Do” (*teal hymnal*)

**Story for All Ages:** *The Day You Begin*

By Jacqueline Woodson (Author), Rafael Lopez (Illustrator)

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

**Reading**

Words by Walt Whitman

**Sermon:** “The Gift of Pluralism” Rev. Margo Rinehart

**Musical Meditation**

**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 #301:** “Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky!”

**Closing Words/Extinguishing the Chalice**

Words by David Breedon

**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: Jeanne Moe

Pianist: Laurel Yost

Livestream Operator: Anna Jacobs

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

**May 26, 2024 • "When a Blue Star Becomes a Gold Star" with Members of the Fellowship**

Starting in World War I, flags with a Blue Star displayed in windows became a way for families to let others in their community know their loved one was deployed in the military. For some of these families, the Blue Stars later became Gold Stars, a symbol of a loved one who would never come home. On this Memorial Day weekend and with “the goal of world community with peace” are stories from Gold Star families and their own quest for peace.

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.