

As Unitarian Universalists we 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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Announcements & news for the Sunday Service bulletin and Friday e-news are due by 9 a.m. every Tuesday. Please email announcements to admin@uufbozeman.org.



“A Vision for the UUFB”
- Jack Fisher and Neil Gregersen

May 17, 2026



WE:

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

UUFB Mission Statement

“A Vision for the UUFB”

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Prelude: “I Lift My Voice” by Andrea Ramsey UUFB Choir

Greetings and Introduction Susan Backer, Lay Leader

Announcements

Greet Your Neighbor

Opening Words/Lighting of the Chalice

Words by Marta I. Valentin

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 #143: “Not in Vain the Distance Beacons”

Story for All Ages

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

Reading: Our Vision Statement, 2020 (*see insert*) Neil Gregersen

Sermon: “A Vision for the UUFB” with Jack Fisher and Neil Gregersen

Song: “We Walk in Love” by Deana Witkowski UUFB Choir

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 #1028: “The Fire of Commitment” (*teal hymnal*)

Closing Words/Extinguishing the Chalice

Words by Brian Kiely

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:

Speakers: Jack Fisher, Neil Gregersen

Lay Leader: Susan Backer

Musicians: Laurel Yost, pianist; Megan Makeever, UUFB Choir Director;
UUFB Choir

Livestream Operator: Anna Jacobs

RE Staff: Asherah Bauquier, Sheldon Williams, Jasmine Armstrong

Children’s Religious Exploration (RE) Information: Our programs include children of all ages. Children ages 4 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 4, please 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 get in touch with the Religious Exploration Coordinator at cre@uufbozeman.org.



Upcoming Service

May 24, 2026 • “We Will Never Know It All” with Rev. Katie Michael

What are the We will explore how embracing curiosity can help us break out of rigid patterns and live into our values. Rev. Katie Michael has lived in Bozeman for 14 years. She is an Interfaith Minister, Spiritual Director, and works as a chaplain at Bozeman Health, where she is on the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging committee. Katie also serves on the Board of Directors for Queer Bozeman. Katie grew up in a UU congregation in western Massachusetts and still identifies with the UU faith. She enjoys weight lifting and traveling, as well as crocheting and curling up to read a cozy paranormal mystery.

Welcome! If you are visiting, we invite you to fill out a GUEST CARD you will find in the seatback in front of you. 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.