

Introduction

Thank you for checking out our website. We encourage you to look around and we invite you to come to church at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings and explore more.

If you come to church at High Plains, every Sunday, you'll hear three affirmations that capture what High Plains is all about. Those affirmations are: The Divine is Love, Everyone matters, and Reason is important in religion.

As part of a series of sermons, three of us took on the question of how we got to those affirmations.

In the first sermon, Amanda Udis-Kessler preached on how we got to the idea that the divine is love. In her sermon, Amanda lifts up the idea that animates and gives life to our Universalist tradition, that God's love is big enough for all of us. You can find the text of her sermon on the link to your right.

In the second sermon, Rev. Roger Butts preached on how we as Unitarian Universalists got to the idea that everyone matters. The very first principle that our religious tradition affirms is the idea that every person--regardless of status, gender, religion, political affiliation, sexual orientation, gender, color, nationality--every person has inherent worth and dignity. This idea that everyone matters helps to make sense of the reality that in our non-creedal tradition, you can find people who come to church here who are atheists, liberal Christians, Buddhists and others. If you asked Unitarian Universalists what they really believe, the overwhelming majority would say: everyone has dignity and worth. You can find the text of my sermon by clicking the link on your right.

In the third sermon, Rev. Nathan Mesnikoff, our community minister, takes up the affirmation that reason is important in religion. Reason animates and gives life to the Unitarian side of our tradition. Ours is a religious tradition that encourages the asking of tough questions. Unitarian Universalism asks you to not follow anyone else's path but to find your own way, using your own language and your own methods. This is a defining characteristic of our liberal faith. You can find the text of Nathan's sermon on the link to your right.

We hope you enjoy exploring the different ways that each one of us approaches these questions. Within our different approaches is a model of how we attempt to live our Unitarian Universalist faith--by letting each individual lift up what is important to them and letting others do the same. In the wrestling with the important questions of our faith, and our spiritual and ethical development, lies the way of Unitarian Universalism.