

## Our Affirmation

*Love is the doctrine of this church,  
the quest of truth is its sacrament,  
and service is its prayer.*

*To dwell together in peace,  
to seek knowledge in freedom,  
to honor the earth,  
to serve human need  
to the end that all souls shall grow  
into harmony with the sacred.  
This do we affirm and covenant  
with each other.*



## The Chalice

In 1961 the Unitarians merged with the Universalists, that union symbolized by two overlapping circles surrounding a flaming chalice, the internationally recognized symbol of Unitarian Universalism.

## Our Seven Principles

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 grow in our congregations
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning
- The right of conscience and use of the democratic process
- 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

At the core of all these principles is the  
**ethic of kindness.**

## Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Milford

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## Welcome to Our Congregation



*Church is a place where  
you get to practice what  
it means to be human.*



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Unitarian Universalist Congregation Milford

Honor Each. Enrich All.



## Founded in 1870

In early New England towns, most of the people were of the Congregational faith, but by the early 1800s, many liberal thinking people moved to Unitarianism. The First Unitarian Society of Milford, N.H formed in 1870.

In December 1875, the land for the current church was purchased. The building, a modification of an English chapel design, would be constructed of stone. Services began in the new church on August 22, 1880.

## Stained Glass Windows

In 1819, William Ellery Channing preached in defense of Unitarianism. Great stress was put on the goodness of man, and his ability to emulate Jesus, a divine guide but not a deity. This is reflected in the Sanctuary's three stained glass windows depicting the parables of the – Good Shepherd, Good Samaritan and Woman at the Well.

## We Welcome All of You

We are a welcoming community of people from many faith traditions who gather in fellowship to explore life's big questions, and we hope you will find us respectful of the path that brought you here. We support one another on our own and our shared spiritual journeys, celebrating diversity of lifestyles and religious beliefs.

Unitarian Universalism can be described as *a way of being religious* rather than as a religious doctrine. Our congregations are made up of people who identify as Christian, Jewish, Buddhist, Pagan, or Muslim as well as agnostic, atheist, or humanist. We recognize that there are many paths that lead to a meaningful understanding of the holy.



Our Seven Principles (see back) are an expression of shared values that encourage us to care for each other in times of need and to work together for a better world for all.

## How to Get Involved

Sunday morning services begin at 10:30 am September to June with nursery care and religious education classes available. Informal services during July and August begin at 9:30 am.

We host earth-centered spirituality rituals, meditation, small group ministry, adult classes and more.

We participate in numerous outreach projects and invite you to help us in this much needed work.

A typical Sunday morning service includes hymns, readings, meditation, singing by the choir, and a sermon. The sermon topics are based on a monthly theme and draw from contemporary and historic sources.

We also offer a range of programs for children and teenagers, with the goal of creating an environment that affirms each individual and fosters spiritual growth.

