



*When We Belong to One Another:
Healing, Wholeness, Holiness, and Love*
with
Rev. Janet Newton

“There are few issues concerning Unitarian Universalism on which UUs can agree with one another. Are we a denomination—that is, a single religious entity—or merely an association of independent congregations? Is the congregations' independence, what we call congregational polity, a sacrosanct principle, or must it yield to our commitment to racial justice? Do we call the places where we gather for worship churches or meeting halls—indeed, do we worship? Those are all perennial subjects for debate. But few questions cause us as much discomfort as what to say when asked what UUs believe. After all, we don't all believe the same thing. But even as we vehemently reject any creed, we seem to be forever searching for some verbal formula about which all (or at least most) of us can say: "Yes, that's what I (more or less) believe.”

– Rev. Eugene Pickett, upon assuming the presidency of the UUA in 1979

Ringing the Bell

Welcome and Community Connection

Liz Loucks

Prelude

Jeremy Berlin

Call to Worship & Chalice Lighting

Rev. Janet

[Our readings this morning are adapted from the proposed revisions to Article 2 of the UUA Bylaws]

Responsive Reading Part One

***Opening Hymn** *Fire of Commitment*

#1028

Time for All Ages

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Silent Meditation (~2 minutes)

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Janet

Offering

Liz Loucks

Offertory

Jeremy Berlin

Responsive Reading Part Two

Sermon *When We Belong to One Another* Rev. Janet

***Chalice Extinguishing and Closing Hymn** *Building a New Way* #1017

Benediction Rev. Janet

Postlude Jeremy Berlin

Thank you to our volunteers Bill Bridwell, Genevieve Abbot, Ed Pachico for providing service support, Paul Doherty for visual arts and the Parish Committee for refreshments for today's service.

Need Someone to Listen?

In addition to pastoral care being available from Rev. Janet, your Lay Ministers (Bill Bridwell, Jan Casey, Kevin Longval) are available to lend support to anyone in our UUSMV community in their time of need by being available to listen and offer comfort. You can reach them individually by calling:

Jan Casey (508-942-3643),

Bill Bridwell (774-563-8542),

Kevin Longval (781-249-4712) or reach out to uu.society.mv@gmail.com

Coming Events

Sunday, January 28, after our service: Annual Meeting (after the service)

Sunday, January 28, 8: 30 - 9:30 pm: Young Peoples AA (Stevens Chapel)

Tuesday, January 30, 9:30 am: Meditation Circle - Join on [Zoom](#)

(Meeting ID: 864 3352 3334 Passcode: 737316) or Contact Ed Merck
ejm646@gmail.com

Friday, February 2, 2 pm: Sewcial Action Knitwork (meet at the home of Barb Cushman)

Sunday, February 4 from 4 – 5:30 pm: Musical Sunday Afternoons with Delanie and Johnny @ Stevens Chapel

Friday, February 9, 10 - 11:15 am: Let's Have a Visit, (Zoom drop in meeting with the UUSMV Lay Ministers, all are welcome.)

Monday, February 12, 1-3 pm: Parish Committee (meet on Zoom)

