



UCH Draft Affirmations

The Worship Team has been exploring an alternative "Affirmation of Faith" for our church aimed at recognizing the diversity of beliefs that is a part of our church community. Affirmations of Faith are generally statements of belief that we share as a community. The drafts below come out of discussions at our "Soup and Bread" gatherings that we aim to have once a month after church services. We recognize that no single affirmation can contain all the beliefs of every member of our diverse congregation, so the aim here is to try to find those beliefs that all of us do share in common

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Love is the force that unites us and is at the heart of our shared values. These values are deeply interconnected and inseparable:

- We honor the interdependent web of all existence and acknowledge our place within it.
- We recognize the sacredness of all beings, embracing our diversity in culture, experience, and belief.
- We strive to create a diverse, multicultural beloved community where everyone feels welcome and can thrive.
- We nurture a spirit of gratitude and hope.
- We affirm that every person is inherently worthy and deserving of fairness, justice, safety, well-being, equal rights, and the fulfillment of life.
- We unite in the belief that there is something greater than ourselves—a divine presence that manifests in many forms, which we call "faith," unique to each individual.
- We celebrate the diverse expressions of faith, both within our church and beyond, so long as they guide us toward love, compassion, understanding, and justice.

In all of this, we stand together.

Amen

UCH Draft Commitment to Practice

We gather to create a vibrant, healthy community, open to new ideas, people, and possibilities.

Recognizing the ever-changing nature of our world, we commit to listening deeply, speaking with respect, and assuming good intentions, especially during disagreements.

We actively engage in our community by being present, volunteering, and extending a welcoming spirit to all.

As we each seek to understand the divine, we offer mutual support, honoring each person's unique path.

Amen