

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 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.

The living tradition we share draws from many sources:

- 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.

Grateful for the religious pluralism which enriches and ennobles our faith, we are inspired to deepen our understanding and expand our vision. As free congregations we enter into this covenant, promising to one another our mutual trust and support.

Mission Covenant of Jefferson Unitarian Church

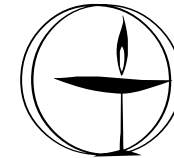
We, the members of Jefferson Unitarian Church, are engaged in a free and open search for truth. We seek enlightenment from human heritage and life experience and find inspiration in uniquely personal ways.

We covenant to live those transforming truths which bring spiritual wholeness and harmony to personal, global and universal relationships and thereby inspire hope for the future. To this end we commit our combined actions and personal resources.

JEFFERSON UNITARIAN CHURCH

(Unitarian Universalist)

*Welcome to
a Religious Home
for the Liberal Spirit.*



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Sunday Worship Services

9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m.
9:15 a.m. from June 22 through August 17

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Office Hours

Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
(reduced mid-June through mid-August)

■ *Jefferson Unitarian Church is a stimulating experience of religious community.*

We would like you to feel at home with us. We want you to feel welcome and to feel free to join any of our activities here that interest you. Set your own pace; observe, question and comment if you wish.

We are different in nature from many other churches in that we honor a diversity of ideas about religion and what is holy. We look to the church for stimulation and support as we seek to grow in accord with our own beliefs and needs, our own understanding, and our rootedness in the Living Tradition of Unitarian Universalism.

■ *Historical notes*

The Unitarian movement developed in the 16th century in Europe and in the 18th century in America. Its founders were liberal Christians who rejected the doctrine of the trinity and believed in the simple *unity* of God. Universalism also began in Europe in opposition to the harsh doctrine that only the elect will be saved. They believed that salvation is *universal* for "the whole family of humankind."

In the late 19th century, the two denominations broadened beyond Christianity to include other religious ideas and secular sources of understanding. In 1961, the two groups merged into one movement called "Unitarian Universalism."

■ *What is a Unitarian Universalist?*

We are open, searching, exploring. We ask a lot of questions, and do a lot of discussing among ourselves. We never conclude that we have all the answers. We are united by our trust that we each can find or form the faith which best fits our own thought, feeling and life experience. Our UU congregations are lively, often challenging places which offer us a wide range of opportunities as well as nurturing in times of struggle.

■ *Our church*

Jefferson Unitarian Church (JUC) began in 1959, called our first minister in 1963 and for nine years met in the building which is now the Foothills Art Center in Golden. We moved to our present building in 1968.

Ministers serving JUC include: Richard Gilbert, Interim Minister; Todd Strickland, Minister for Lifespan Religious Experience; Nadine Swahnberg, Community Minister; and Penny Rather, Ministerial Intern. Keith Arnold serves as Minister of Music.

JUC is thoroughly democratic, governed by its members. All important matters of church policy are decided by a vote of the members at two annual meetings. An elected Board of Trustees meets each month to oversee church operations. The work of the church is supported by pledges and contributions from both members and friends.

■ *How can you get involved?*

Choose from these activities:

- Fellowship Hour (coffee and conversation) is held following each worship service.
- Infant and toddler care are provided during each service.
- A complete graded religious education program for preschool through high school is offered (check the newsletter for specific programming and times.)
- Seminars, study groups and forums make us better informed and more aware.
- Family clusters, singles activities and other social events help us to know and enjoy one another.
- Family retreats, picnics, nature walks, and youth activities are part of the creative, intergenerational aspect of JUC.

■ *If you want to know more...*

- Stop at the Welcome Table following a Sunday service.
- Call the church office at 303-279-5282.
- Visit our web site at jeffersonunitarian.org.

■ *We would especially like to...*

- Mail you our bi-weekly newsletter; call the office to be added to the email list (or you can view it online at jeffersonunitarian.org.)
- Visit with you after the service at the Welcome Table in the commons area.
- See you at any of the church social, study or worship activities.



The chalice symbolizes the warmth of our community and the light that comes with the pursuit of truth and understanding.