

Sharing Our Values

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Over the fall of 2018, UUAA's Worship Team met in retreat format over several days to articulate and clarify the values that we collaboratively seek to hold and bring alive in our Sunday services.

While the balance of how these values are reflected on a given Sunday morning may shift week to week, based on the topic, format, or other needs, it is our shared goal to hold these values as consistently central to our Sunday morning leadership in the community over time.

We welcome your feedback/ideas related to these core values, and invite you to join us in helping bring them alive in our community.

Worship Team Shared Values

Each week we work to create Sunday service experiences that are:

Inclusive

We honor:

- Unitarian Universalist principles, sources, and teachings
- UUAA's spiritual history and heritage
- Differing abilities
- Racial/ethnic diversity
- The full spectrum of sexual orientations and gender identities
- All economic circumstances
- Pluralism
- A variety of learning styles
- People of every age
- Many ways to access the message (words, music, storytelling, etc.)
- Current life circumstances (grief, joy, stress, etc.)

Collaborative

We value:

- The unique spiritual gifts of each individual
- Shared leadership
- An open exchange of ideas
- Consensus-building
- Curiosity
- Creativity

Beautiful

We strive for:

- Professional quality
- Finely crafted words, music, and visuals
- Spiritual flow
- Well-woven, poetic liturgy
- Humor

Meaningful

We're committed to:

- Thought-provoking content
- Exploring new ideas and perspectives
- Challenging ourselves and the congregation
- Bearing prophetic witness
- Depth
- Conjuring the connective power of communal music

Relational

We're rooted in:

- Community-building
- Responsiveness to the energy and needs in the room
- Collegiality among team members that is warm, respectful, and playful
- Relationship with the wider world
- Relationship with UUism broadly

Moving

We seek to engender:

- Engagement with deeper values
- Connection to our best selves
- Inspiration
- Embodied worship
- Emotional depth
- Vulnerability
- Transformation