

To our visitors:

I so appreciate your interest in the Unitarian Society of Hartford. Let me tell you some of what you will find if you visit us on a Sunday: beautiful sanctuary and grounds, including a well-tended memorial garden; clean, orderly classrooms and a well-stocked kitchen; warm and welcoming members; devoted and prepared minister; talented and practiced musicians; competent and caring staff; dedicated and attentive leadership and volunteers; motivated religious education teachers; and numerous opportunities for service and community.

And yet, for all of that, we are not a performing arts theater, art gallery or museum; not a service organization, or a book or social club; not a political action lobby; not a leisure studies school or childcare organization or an ethical culture association.

Your needs for beauty, learning, service, support, self-giving—and even your need for like-minded communities of care—can all be met, and maybe better met, outside of this church.

It is the primacy of worship that called this Unitarian Universalist congregation into being, and today, worship remains our reason for existing. We gather here to worship, in a time and a place set apart for contemplation of the mystery, for an intimate heart encounter with the beloved transcendent.

In these rare moments in this unique setting, we practice our human capacity for reverence, for recognizing that which is greater than ourselves. We gather to bend the knee in profound relief and gratitude that it is not all up to us after all, that we are held in the bosom of Abraham, Allah, Mother Nature, that blessed web of life from which we have sprung and to which we will all return.

I invite you to come to our lovely Meeting House, to meet our gracious people and to gather with us as we experience together the wonder of worship.

Reverend Barbara Jamestone, Ph.D.