

### **The Mission of the Fellowship**

Our mission is to nurture spiritually courageous people who transform the world through justice and compassion.

### **The CVUUF Statement of Purpose**

The Purpose of this Fellowship is to foster a liberal religious community, dedicated to the continuing search for truth, bound by no dogma, restricted by no creed, and using the democratic process. Affirming the essential dignity and worth of every human being, we join in fellowship in a quest of religious and ethical values, to enrich our personal lives, to grow in understanding of ourselves and of our world, and to serve others.

**If you are a first time visitor** please join us for coffee and conversation in the Fellowship Hall across the patio after the service. Look for a Welcoming badge on our committee members who are ready to assist you with your questions.

**Would you like a warm and supportive person to give you a visit,** a phone call, a listening ear, meals, transportation, or other services? If so, please call the CVUUF office at 805-492-8751. Someone from the Pastoral Care Team or Neighborhood Networks will contact you. We want you to know we care!

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## **CONEJO VALLEY UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP**



**August 3, 2014**

**“Love is a Verb”**

**Speaker - Rev. Nancy Holden**

**Worship Associate - Jill Schlaus**

**Musicians - Tom Powers, Deborah Snider, Merlin Snider,  
Robin Swenson**

**Ushers - Jo Ann Van Reenan, Caudia Bourgois,  
Pat Meredith, Bea Ornstein**

**Sound and Lighting Technician - Dana Ryon**

## ORDER OF SERVICE

August 3, 2014

*"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to change. It's not." Dr. Seuss*

### ⊕ Prelude

### Welcome

### Invitation to Worship

### Lighting the Chalice

Hymn "Keepers Of the Earth" by Joyce Poley  
(See Insert)

### Food Collection for Manna

Story for All Ages "The Day the Crayons Quit"  
by Drew Daywalt

(9:15am only: the children go to religious education classes through the right side arch formed by those sitting on the aisle, with all singing: *Go in love, our hearts go with you. Go in joy, our hopes go, too. Learn in love and grow in wisdom, Shine your light in all you do.*)

### ⊕ Offering

Offertory "Morning Light, Evening Shade/  
The Earth is our Mother Medley"  
Performed by Soulstice

### Joys and Sorrows

Hymn "This Old World" No. 315

Reading "from the Tewa Indians of North America" #520

### Meditation

Sermon "Love is a Verb" Rev. Nancy Holden

### Extinguishing the Chalice

*We extinguish this flame but not  
the light of truth,  
the warmth of community,  
or the fire of commitment.  
These we carry in our hearts until  
we are together again.*

Hymn "Blue Boat Home" No. 1064

### Benediction

### Postlude

*The flowers this week are given in honor of Rev. Nancy's visit today  
by a CVUUF Nancy Groupie.*

⊕ *At these times, you may place a stone into water in the bowls at the back of the sanctuary in recognition of joys or sorrows. When we place a stone into the bowl of water, let the ripples remind us that everything that touches one of us touches us all.*

### Unitarian Universalist congregations 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.

### Unitarian Universalism 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.

*These principles and sources of faith are the backbone  
of our religious community.*