

Auckland Unitarian Church

9th August 2026

WELCOME

We worship in a spirit of mutual respect for each person's beliefs.

If this is your first visit, please leave your contact details with a member of the church committee so that they can let you know about future events



Seeking meaning

Service Conducted by Revd Dr Ralph Catts

Musician: Frank Chen

Tech Support: Tess Brothersen, Kate Lewis

Readers:

Alaine Tasker

Lynne Tasker

Welcome

Chalice lighting

Come seekers, searching for answers,
for respite, or a space to unleash your joy.
Here all are welcome, no excuses are needed,
nor explanations.

Opening Song: Morning has broken

Covenant

UUA 7 Principles:

1st Principle: The inherent worth and dignity of every person;

2nd Principle: Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;

3rd Principle: Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth through fellowship;

4th Principle: A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;

5th Principle: The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our fellowship and in society at large;

6th Principle: The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;

7th Principle: Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Reading 1: UUA Sources of faith

<https://www.uua.org/lifespan/curricula/river/principles-sources>

Reading 2: A Reflection on the fourth Principle, by Rev.

Paige Getty. Source: <https://www.uua.org/beliefs/what-we-believe/principles/4th>

Koha Song: Spirit of Life (sung twice)

Address: A Theology for Seekers

Time for reflection

Responsive Prayer: For our Fellowship

After a blessing by John O'Donohue, from Benedictus 37.
(please hear my words and then respond using the *words in italics*).

May this fellowship shelter you and may the weight of the world fall from our shoulders when you come together.

May our hearts be tranquil here, blessed by peace that the world cannot give.

May this be a safe place, full of understanding and acceptance.

May our hearts be tranquil here, blessed by peace that the world cannot give.

May this be a place of discovery, where possibilities that have laid undisturbed in your mind can emerge.

May our hearts be tranquil here, blessed by peace that the world cannot give.

Closing Song: Find the Spirit

Extinguishing the Chalice and Closing Words (all to say)

May I go forth with justice in thought, goodness in action, speech that does not deceive, and a disposition to be glad of whatever comes.

Notices: