

Unity of Fairfax Core Values

Value	Description	Rationale	Community Actions	Individual Behaviors
Spirit Centered	We turn to Spirit for guidance and active communication.	We create order, peace and harmony in ourselves and others when we align our daily actions with God, the good, omnipotent.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U of F ministries and projects honor and reflect each individual's vision and call to sacred service. • U of F begins and ends all gatherings with prayer and turns to Spirit in all decisions and actions. • U of F provides opportunities for all ages to strengthen spiritual practice through worship, education and service. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I expand my consciousness and spiritual growth with classes, retreats, and workshops. • I have a daily spiritual practice that keeps me conscious of Spirit. • I look for and acknowledge the Christ Spirit within each person.
Love in Action	We actively express unconditional love in all we think, say and do.	Love is our unifying Principle: We use it to become aware of our universal Oneness. Divine Love is unconditional and a mighty power. We seek always to deepen our experience of loving service.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U of F provides opportunities for people to demonstrate love of life and develop heart connections through, fun, humor, great music and social interaction. • U of F demonstrates love of each other with a welcoming atmosphere, hospitality and sincere compassion and concern for the well-being of all. • U of F expresses love in the world through service. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I act from Love. I determine what is mine to do and I bring myself and my talents to these tasks in the true spirit of service. • I welcome and reach out to newcomers. • I express love and support for the church through the gift of my time, talent and treasure.
Inclusive	We are welcoming, cooperative, connected, accepting and compassionate to all.	We recognize and actively promote our spiritual community as a place that honors the interconnectedness of all as individual expressions of the one God.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U of F's board and leadership create an environment of trust by seeking input from the congregation and by appropriately communicating community agreement on plans and decisions. • U of F fosters authentic relationships in individuals and groups, children and families, and across all generations through our programs, classes and ministries. • U of F teaches different perspectives and worldviews to develop skills in demonstrating understanding and inclusivity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I participate in classes and events that increase my understanding and acceptance of all people. • I challenge myself to reach out to others who appear to be different from me. • I look for each person's unique values, goals and experiences, and celebrate our connectedness.

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Peace	As bearers of Spirit's divine inspiration we are the peace we hope to see in the world.	When we choose to live a Spirit-centered life, we are emissaries of peace.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U of F teaches and employs peace-making and peace-speaking programs and interacts compassionately with all. • U of F maintains a positive, uplifting energy by looking for the good in every person and circumstance. • When making decisions, the leadership of U of F hears all sides of an issue and looks for Spirit's guidance for peaceful solutions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I approach conflict in my life with the knowledge that there can be a peaceful solution. • I am able to center myself and bring my attention inward. With Spirit guiding my life I act outwardly with the peace I am able to feel within. • I meet every change with a positive spirit, looking for good in every person and circumstance. • When feeling conflict with another, I look deeply into my perspective for attachments or past hurts (shadow) so that I may always be a clear channel for peace.

Integrity	Our thoughts, words and deeds are trustworthy, authentic, respectful and responsible.	When we live centered in Spirit, we are centered in integrity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U of F is open and forthright in all our communications. • U of F, as congregants, ministers and leaders, practice our roles and responsibilities with commitment, honesty and respect. • U of F operates with financial transparency, responsibility and solvency. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I keep my word when I make commitments. • I work with others for the highest good of the ministry. • I am a truthful, responsible, and reliable member of the human community on earth.
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