

OPENING WORDS
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I'm Sarah Dowson. I joined All Souls in 1985 to reconnect with my roots: my grandfather was a Universalist minister. I was raised as a Congregational Protestant. As a child, I visualized God as a man in a blue robe sitting on a throne. As a young adult, I was a secular humanist after reading much philosophy and psychology. In middle age, I studied yoga and Indian meditation.

I found a friendly, welcoming community at All Souls. For over 30 years, I participated in the Women's Reading Group and enjoyed reading and discussing books written by women. Unitarian Bible study, providing meals for those less fortunate and Girl Scout leadership are other activities I have enjoyed at All Souls.

This past summer, I journeyed to Transylvania with other All Souls members and friends to explore our Unitarian roots.

The Sunday service is an opportunity for me to reflect and be at one with God, who I now experience as a spirit manifest in all things.

Now please join me in reciting our Bond of Union:

*In the freedom of the truth
And in the spirit of love,
We unite for the worship of God
And the service of all*