



**SYDNEY  
UNITARIANS  
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## *What We Affirm*

***Freedom - Reason - Tolerance***

The **Sydney Unitarian Church**, which was established in 1850, is based on religious freedom, reason and tolerance. The Sydney church, was founded as a “free church” of the Enlightenment, in the Unitarian tradition. The church is both independent and democratic.

### **Core Values:**

- Our motto is: Think Truly, Speak Bravely and Act Justly.
- We promote freedom, reason, tolerance and Unitarian principles.
- We promote democratic ideals, principles and procedures.
- We aspire to develop our own individual wisdom, spirituality and faith.
- We are united by spiritual, humanitarian and environmental values.
- We revere and celebrate the spirit of life inherent in humanity and the natural world.

### **Inspirations:**

We celebrate a positive, life-oriented and spiritually humanistic worldview and faith inspired by:

- The insights of world cultures, religions and philosophy and the natural and human sciences.
- The enchantment of literature and of the creative and performing arts including design, film and music.

### **Purpose and Objectives:**

Our organization exists to ennoble all who share these values as we affirm them in worship, song, fellowship and community activities.

We seek to:

- serve the community by assisting charities and humanitarian projects.
- build one another up in wisdom, faith, hope and compassion.
- show reverence to the spirit of life, nature and ecological sustainability.
- inspire aspirations to ethical and humanitarian ideals.
- work towards a democratic, creative and sustainable regeneration of communities and the natural and built environments.
- develop our own individual wisdom, spirituality and faith.



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### **“Spirit of Life” is Our Song of Choice**

We sing “Spirit of Life” at every Sydney Unitarian Church service. The themes of “Spirit of Life” reflect the core Unitarian values of compassion, justice, community, freedom, reverence for nature, and the mystery of life.

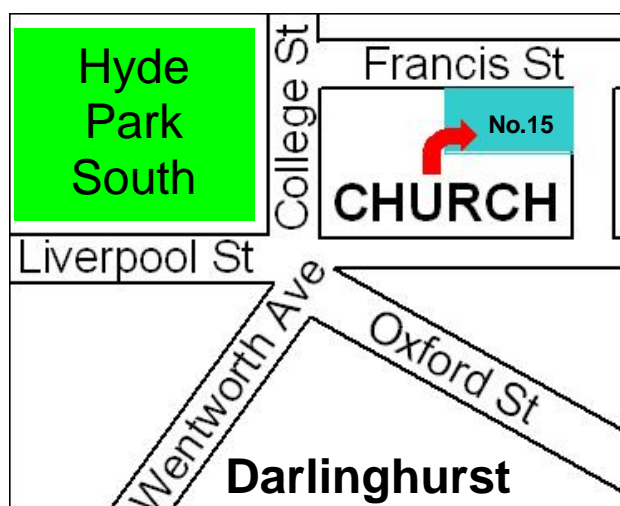
#### ***Spirit of Life*** (lyrics)

*“Spirit of Life, come unto me.  
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.  
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;  
Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.  
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;  
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me”.* Written by Carolyn McDade.

#### **Unitarian Principles** (Reflected in Our Values, Objectives and Practices)

1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
2. Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

**Source:** *The Australia and New Zealand Unitarian Universalist Association (ANZUUA)* <http://www.anzuua.org/>



**Services:** Sundays 10.30 to 11.30 a.m.  
**Location:** No.15 Francis St. Darlinghurst  
<http://www.sydneyunitarianchurch.org/>

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#### **Information Sources:**

The constitution, website and practices of the Sydney Unitarian Church including broad Unitarian principles. November 2019