Rev's Reflections

Expressions of Covenant

On Saturday morning I had the honor of officiating at the wedding ceremony of two congregants, both mothers of minor children. I declared them a legal couple in a covenant that included not only their blended family, but also their whole community.

That afternoon, I attended the ceremony of installation for the new officers of my Masonic lodge in Cambridge. 14 men committed themselves to the responsibilities of preserving the ancient rituals and the very contemporary social structure of a lodge that has existed for 220 years.

Both ceremonies were serious and joyful, followed by receptions: The early (outdoor) one offered mimosas, croissants and hummus; the second one (in the basement) offered bourbon, barbecued meats and cigars. The two celebrations couldn't have looked more different, but they were about exactly the same thing: celebrating the commitments we make to each other, in support of leadership in the families we create.

We need these relationships and these celebrations in our lives. They remind us who we are, who we belong to, and what is truly important. They allow us to bask love and mutual care through our shared rituals and traditions. And those relationships and celebrations are the things that make it worthwhile to belong.

If you are new to UUCSC, and are interested in learning more about the beliefs and practices that make us who we are, please join us on Sunday, October 12 after coffee hour for the first of two classes called "New to UUCSC," which include lunch. Please contact me or Mary Finnegan finmary@gmail.com if you'd like to take part.

In Peace,
Rev Denis