UUCSC Membership Cathy Solomon Biographical Sketch

How Did I Get Here?

My religious upbringing delivered some very clear messages:

I was born a sinner!
I am not worthy!
I'd better work hard to be good BUT...it probably won't make a difference because….
Hell was waiting for me.

I had many nightmares about Hell. What god would create me only to send me there??

Thus, in a process that took a decade or two, I decided I did not want to be a part of that tribe. I would follow my own spiritual path.

In December 2018, a friend invited me to the Christmas Eve Eve concert. My partner and I had been searching for a place to sing and were wowed by the choir and director. There was only one problem...it was a church. We are not church people, I thought. As the weeks and months went by, however, I heard messages that soothed my soul.

You *are* worthy.

We stand on the side of love.

We have the power to stop oppression of any kind.

And I realized I had found my home.

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