

Higher, Deeper Love

June
2026

God is not loving. That is, God is not a being who is loving. God is Love itself.

~ Emily Cady

The first time I heard this quote, it radically shifted my thinking. Most of us grew up with an idea of a God for whom you had to be “good” in order for Him to love you. The idea that God just *is* Love and doesn’t need to be pleased - whatever that looks like in various cultures - was completely freeing.

This month, we’re exploring a theme of “Higher, Deeper Love.” Thomas Troward, in “The Creative Process in the Individual” talks about seven main aspects of God. The first of these, of course, is Life itself. The second is Love. He says, “Because it is Life, it must be Love, because as the undifferentiated Principle of Life it cannot do otherwise than tend to the fuller development of life in each individual, and the



Sunday Mornings

Meet in person at:

3437 Libby Road NE

Meditation: 10:30 a.m.

Service: 11 a.m.

Or on Zoom: 789 699 326

Senior Minister

Rev. David Robinson

pure motive of giving greater enjoyment of life is Love.”

This month, we’ll follow that song lyric that says “Love lifts us up where we belong.” Since we *are* God in form, in expression, then Love is our true nature. We belong here. I look forward to exploring Love with you.

Blessings,

Rev. David Robinson

Sunday Talk Titles: *Higher, Deeper Love*

Book of the Month: *All About Love: New Visions*

June 7: I Want to Know What Love Is

We all want to know what Love is. What if Love is more than what we have allowed? What if we are able to let Love be present in the uncomfortable and the good?



June 14: I Was Made for Loving You

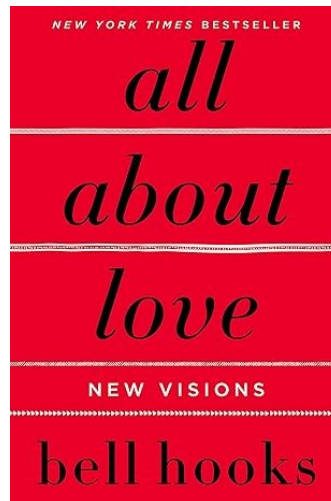
We were born to love all life. Sometimes it's not as easy as it sounds. Life and love can be messy and imperfect. Still, we get to ask ourselves, how actively are we showing up as Love in the world?

June 21: What's Love Got to Do With It?

What's Love Got to Do With It? Love is our shared humanity, our collective traumas, our past missteps, and our way forward.

June 28: Love Lifts Us Up Where We Belong

We're navigating life's complexities as one. What's before us—our collective past, present, and future—is ours to bravely face, feel, and ultimately heal. We get to ask ourselves how are we actively cocreating a world that represents this Higher, Deeper Love?



A New York Times bestseller and enduring classic, *All About Love* is the acclaimed first volume in feminist icon bell hooks' "Love Song to the Nation" trilogy. *All About Love* reveals what causes a polarized society, and how to heal the divisions that cause suffering. Here is the truth about love, and inspiration to help us instill caring, compassion, and strength in our homes, schools, and workplaces

The word 'love' is most often defined as a noun, yet we would all love better if we used it as a verb," writes bell hooks as she comes out fighting and on fire in *All About Love*. Provocative and intensely personal, renowned scholar, cultural critic and feminist bell hooks offers a proactive new ethic for a society stricken with lovelessness—not the lack of romance, but the lack of care, compassion, and unity. People are divided, she declares, by society's failure to provide a model for learning to love.

In this landmark book, bell hooks explores the question "What is love?" Her answers strike at both the mind and heart. Disputing that the ideal love is infused with sex and desire, she provides a new path to love that is sacred, redemptive, and healing for individuals and for a nation. *All About Love* is a powerful, timely affirmation of just how profoundly love and community can change hearts and minds for the better.

June Classes, Events & Opportunities

Moving from Lack to Prosperity



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How to live in the nature of prosperous abundance that is the true nature of Spirit—and thus of us.

- * Sunday, May 31st, 1:00—3:00 pm
- * \$25 + 2.50 sales tax
- * Rev. David Robinson, facilitator

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[Moving from Lack to Prosperity](#)
Sunday, May 31 to June 21, 6:30—8:30 pm

Rev. David addresses the experience of lack in many areas of our life—health, love, creativity, time and money freedom. It all comes down to a belief—a belief in lack.

Rap with the Rev

June 7th

After Service (12:30 to 1:30 pm PT)
At the Center

Open Discussion with Rev. David on the first Sunday of the month.

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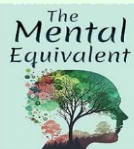
[Rap with the Rev](#)

Sunday, June 7, 12:30 to 1:30 pm PT

A great way for new and old members to connect, share stories of their spiritual path, & ask questions.

The Mental Equivalent

Leap into a state of true potential by activating the powerful Law of Mental Equivalents.



The Mental Equivalent

5 Wednesdays: June 17th - July 15th
6:30—8:30 In person and online
\$165 (members \$140)
(includes book in-person)
Rev. David facilitates

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[The Mental Equivalent Class](#)

5 Wednesday starting June 17, 6:30 pm PT

Discover how to expand your thinking to create a larger mental image so that your greatest desires may be demonstrated.

Community Gathering

Sunday, June 14th,
Join the Potluck Prior to the
1:00 pm Meeting
(Meeting also on Zoom!)

Please plan to attend and participate!



[Community Gathering](#)

Sunday, June 14, 1:00 pm PT

Join the potluck after service, then talk about what's happening around the Center.

Spiritual Partners Sharing-Our-Center Events

[Qi Gong](#) with Kent Combs Thursdays, June 4 & 26, 5:30—6:30 pm

[Community Meditation Sound Bath](#) with Hillary Myers, Fri., June 11, 6—7 pm

[Family & Kids Sound Bath](#) with Hillary Myers, Thursday, June 18, 6-7 pm

[Summer Solstice Sound Bath](#) with Hillary Meyers, Friday, June 19, 6:30—8 pm

[Dances of Universal Peace](#) with Marti Dimock, Sunday, June 21 12:30 pm

Find all the scheduled events: <https://cslolympia.org/>

JUNE YOUTH PROGRAM:

Higher Deeper Love:

Expanding the Heart of Humanity

This June, our youth and teens will explore Love as a spiritual force that connects, heals, and transforms. Each week invites them to deepen their relationship with themselves, others, and the world through mindfulness, movement, creativity, and compassionate connection.



June 7 – I Want to Know What Love Is

Affirmation: *I celebrate all of me as the fullness of Love.*

Youth and teens will explore how Love can be present in both joyful and uncomfortable moments. During a guided heart-centered breathing meditation, they'll practice placing a hand on their heart while noticing emotions without judgment. They'll also create "Love Shields" decorated with words and symbols representing the parts of themselves they are learning to embrace with compassion and acceptance.

June 14 – I Was Made for Loving You

Affirmation: *I shine and share as Love.*

This week focuses on expressing Love through everyday interactions. Youth and teens will participate in a mindful listening exercise where partners share while the other listens without interrupting. They'll also play a "Kindness Challenge Relay," completing fun acts of encouragement, teamwork, and appreciation that demonstrate how small actions can create meaningful connection and belonging.



June 21 – What's Love Got to Do With It?

Affirmation: *Love is the faces and the life around me.*

Youth and teens will reflect on how Love helps heal separation within communities and the world. During a candle-light mindfulness circle, each participant will share one way they hope to bring more compassion into the world. They'll then work together on a collaborative "Humanity Mural," adding drawings, affirmations, and handprints that represent unity, diversity, and collective healing.

June 28 – Love Lifts Us Up Where We Belong

Affirmation: *I am consciously co-creating a Higher Deeper Love in the world.*

In our final week, youth and teens will explore how gratitude and intentional choices help shape a more loving world. They'll practice a silent gratitude walk, noticing beauty, kindness, and connection around them. Together, they'll complete a "Ripple Effect" activity by writing loving actions on paper circles and connecting them into a giant chain, symbolizing how one act of Love can uplift an entire community.

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Council Informational Corner with Greg Laura

Joyful June!

As the summer solstice approaches, we bathe in the light of longer days, warmer nights, and the knowing that just like the plants and flowers we are also growing; growing in our spiritual practices of Abundance, Prosperity, sharing Peace and Love in our community as we all create a world that works for everyone.

Our Council, with its new members, has been meeting for 3 months, 5 meetings and the council is feeling very connected and focused on our mission of providing guidance to our center. We have gelled together and our meetings are falling into a rhythm and cadence that is both inspiring and productive.

If you were at the Rap with the Rev in May, you would have heard about the exciting new collaboration announced at the CSL conference in Reno, to create a collective New Thought Movement bridging CSL and Unity, called "An Awakened Path". I would invite you to check out the website <https://www.anawakenedpath.org/> that was created to support it. It has a refreshing new look and is filled with motivating and inspiring information.

Speaking of websites, the council is exploring the possibilities of refreshing our own website and social media to be more attractive to the community at large and easier to navigate for our existing members. An improved digital

presence will better represent who we are, the path we are on, and our values and mission in an inspiring and motivational way.

We had a guest speaker at our May meeting who presented an amazing and inspiring program called "One Parish, One Prisoner". Candice Baughman gave a very passionate and personal description of this life-changing program that helps prisoners better integrate back into the communities they came from, with a support team already in place from the day they are released! We'll be talking more about this at the upcoming community meeting.

Thank you to all who participated in Nourishing Our Community (NOC) this year, both providers and recipients. This year, we budgeted for nearly 3 times the amount from the NOC event than last year, knowing that we needed to exhibit prosperity consciousness in budgeting if we were to achieve it. It was an inspiring example of Prosperity in action, as we exceeded our budget and tripled the revenue from last year's event! Thank you again to all in the community that participated!

~Greg Laura



Practitioner Corner with Tim Robinson

Love is often talked about as if it only shows up in the beautiful moments of life, connection, joy, agreement, belonging. But spiritual practice asks us to go deeper. Through our practice, it becomes possible to know Love as bigger than comfort. This practice also opens the possibility for Love to stay with us not only when there are good feelings but also through feelings of uncertainty, messiness, and imperfection.

In Science of Mind, Love goes beyond emotion or sentiment. Ernest Holmes wrote that Love is “the self-givingness of Spirit through the desire of Life to express itself in terms of creation.” Love, then, becomes more than something we receive or search for. It becomes the very movement of Life expressing through us.

We were made for loving life. Not “perfectly,” but consciously, and on purpose.

Love shows up in different ways depending on the situation. Sometimes, it shows up in familiar ways like compassion and kindness. Other times, it asks of us to listen rather than react. Consistently, Love wants us to stay present when our instinct would prefer to recede into defensiveness, hide behind uncertainty, or pull away completely. Love isn’t always soft or easy. It can demand truth, accountability, courage, and the kind of healing that takes time.

In this human experience, we carry individual experiences as well as those of the collective. We carry joy and grief, connection and separation, hope and disappointment. We also carry inherited wounds, misunderstandings, and the effects of living in a world that often teaches us to see each other as separate. While confronted with this, Science of Mind continuously points us toward a deeper truth, that beneath external appearances we are all expressions of one Life.

Perhaps that’s what Love is for, to help us remember our shared humanity even when life feels fractured or broken. It becomes the quiet choice to show up with greater awareness and the decision to participate in healing instead of division. Not because we’ve mastered it, but because we’re consistently getting better at it.

Love lifts us when we allow it to move beyond preference and become a way of being.

As we move through this month together, the question doesn’t have to be only “What is Love?” You can also ask, “Where am I letting Love show up in me today?”

~ *Tim Robinson*



Practitioners

Teresa Bielenberg
Linda Villegas Bremer

Sandy Dell
Susan Einhorn
Buffie Finkel

Rev. Carrie Masters
Tim Robinson



Call the message phone: (360) 255-7878, ext. 4 to listen to a prayer recorded each week by a Practitioner.

COMMUNITY EVENTS CORNER

The Ministerial Journey

This month, we'll celebrate our beloved Buffie Finkel as she graduates from ministerial school. It's a wonderful occasion and accomplishment. The journey of ministry in Religious Science is not an easy, nor quick one. It begins by completing at least two years of certificated core classes. Then, one may feel and answer the call to become a Practitioner, and that involves at least two more years of both training and some deep personal growth (called facing your shadows and your light.) After graduating Practitioner training, the candidate meets with a panel of ministers and already licensed Practitioners to demonstrate that they have the consciousness to be a licensed Religious Science Practitioner. Whew!

And a few hear another call after that - the call to ministry. That involves, upon approval, a three-to-five-year program of study of everything from philosophy, world religions, quantum physics, to practical ministerial things such as speaking, budgeting, self and other care, leadership (how to be and how to develop leaders) and a host of other things. Finally, one must pass a battery of tests to prove that they comprehend the material. Upon completion of all that, one graduates from school. But - wait! One is not yet a minister. No, that takes sitting before a panel of three ordained ministers (Buffie will be doing this in August) and, upon their recommendation, one becomes a licentiate minister. Ah, end of the journey.

But, there's still more. In order to become an *ordained* Religious Science minister, one declares their intention, and is assigned a sponsor and a mentor who support them in

Youth Corner



Lacey Spring Fun Fair

A meaningful weekend at the Lacey Spring Fun Fair where our CSL Youth & Family booth became a welcoming space for creativity, connection, and sharing love while meeting people **exactly where they are.**



Continued ... a three-year program of demonstrating their ability to be a minister. Upon completion of that journey, one sits for - yes, you guessed it - *another* panel of ordained ministers to check your readiness to fully step into ministry. Only after completing that, does one become an ordained Religious Science minister and joyously dons the purple and gold stole.

On June 13th, we celebrate Buffie completing a major milestone in her journey - and support her in stepping into the rest of her journey. Let us cheer her on!



WOMEN'S GROUP NEWS

The Women's Coffee group meets Tuesdays at 11 at Haagen's.
The Women's Circle meets on the third Saturday of the month,
Contact [Carol Kautzmann](#) for more info.

MEN'S GATHERING NEWS

The Men's Gathering meets on the second Saturday of each month (no June meeting), beginning with a potluck at noon, typically at the Center.
Contact [Denny Kautzmann](#) for more info.

The **Prayer Shawl Ministry** normally meets on the first Monday of the month, but is taking a break during June, July & August.
Contact [Caroline Fenn](#) for more info.

Core Council

President: Carrie Barrett
Vice-President: Greg Laura
Secretary: Hillary Myers
Treasurer: Craig Francis
Member at Large: David Dickinson
Spiritual Leader: Rev. David Robinson

May/June Birthdays

May 31st - Cat Porras
June 5th - Carrie Barrett & Lynn Elliott
June 8th - Craig Francis
June 9th - Luke Sutton
June 12th - Jerri Kendall
June 16th - Alex Perlman
June 17th - Beth Thompson
June 21st - Brent Pendleton

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