

Transforming Lives Luke Eliott-Negri (Members since November 30, 2015)



My family, then two, now three, joined First U just a few years ago. To be honest, it wasn't my idea. I expected to come once, express my lack of interest, and call it good. I didn't know thing one about Unitarianism, and presumed it was some 1960s bizarro New Age thing. While the merger of Unitarians and Universalists did happen in that era, both were religions with long and quite serious traditions.

And I guess that was what surprised me most about coming to First U - the seriousness. I like this old building. I like the high pulpit. I like the depth of the traditions that have been spun into a modern, liberal and quasi-secular religion. And of course, I like Ana's preaching.

Like many who come to First U, I left the church of my childhood, developed an anti-religious ethos, and figured I'd just be "spiritual" for the rest of my life.

I've found many things at First U – a great community, friends, political allies, and plenty more. But I also found something that I really didn't expect – a religion I like. It's really good to be here.

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