The Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association has been re-imagining itself this past couple of years, inviting ministers into conversations with colleagues about deep and intimate ideas, beliefs, and thea/oLOGY* and we want to share some of this revelatory work with you.

From the UUMA website: “In her sermon during the June 2008 Service of the Living Tradition, Victoria Safford quoted the Quaker teacher Douglas Steere:

Douglas Steere, a Quaker teacher, says that the ancient question, "What am I?" inevitably leads to a deeper one, "Whose am I?" – because there is no identity outside of relationships. You can’t be a person by yourself. To ask "Whose Am I?" is to extend the questions far beyond the little self-absorbed self, and wonder: Who needs you? Who loves you? To whom are you accountable? To whom do you answer? Whose life is altered by your choices? With whose life, whose lives, is your own all bound up, inextricably, in obvious or invisible ways?’

Unitarian Universalists have spent a lot of time talking and wondering about our identity. "Who are we?" "Who are we really?" Now, we lean toward a deeper question- "Whose Are We?" which asks us to consider if we are a part of something larger.

We’ll be exploring this question and this work with you on Sunday Aug. 28th and invite you to consider your answer(s) to this thea/ological question. And we invite you to consider sharing some of your reflections with one another, cultivating intimacy that comes from trust inspired sharing of those things that really matter to us. One of the UU principles reminds us to affirm and promote acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations. Being able to articulate what it is we believe and to whom we feel deeply connected, is part of that, as is being able to simply listen and to ask open-ended (rather than judgmental or leading) questions can be integral parts of peace making and the building of beloved community. We’d love to hear your musings about this topic before or after this service.

In faith~ Revs. Wendy and Lynn

* thea/oLOGY is a spelling used in academia and in some seminaries to expand the traditional masculine approach to any study of the divine.