

YouTube Video Transcript for Love and Solidarity for Trans and Non-Binary People

This is a message to trans and non-binary people across the United States to the parents of trans and non-binary kids, and to everyone who's showing up at state legislatures across the country, fighting the wave of anti-trans legislation that's sweeping this nation. We see you. I see you putting our faith into action with your unwavering love and belief in the worth and dignity of trans kids, and we are.

To remind you that you are not alone, and you should know that Unitarian Universalists across the country, we have your back. It's so hard right now. I read the stories of legislatures and politicians and people will seeking attention using your lives, your heart, your body. As political ponds, as punching bags, literal roll and figurative.

Fearing politicians will use your kids as political. Will force you to move states uprooting your lives, all because you want your kids to thrive, to receive medically necessary healthcare, to play sports, to be themselves, to be safe, to feel loved and wanted as they deserve It is exhausting and frustrating.

It is scary sometimes. Every day you are feeling the weight of hateful lies pushing on you and on those kids that you love. We see you showing up to protest and to testify and to organize and to lobby. Thank you for showing up for our values. Thank you for fighting for trans and non-binary kids. And I know that for you, just like for me, this isn't some kind of abstract agenda.

There are folks in my congregation here who are trans, who are non-binary. We're gonna be the direct recipients of the work that you're doing. Thank you. From trans members of my congregation, thank you, from parents of trans kids, in my congregation. Thank you for being in this. When everything feels like it's a raid against you, when it feels like you take one step forward and two steps back, it gives me hope that you're out doing this work as draining as it can be sometimes..

We see you and we care for you, and we're so, so grateful for you.

Thank you, thank you, thank you. In Unitarian Universalism. We believe that every person, as beautiful as they are and as they are becoming, that your life is sacred. Your body is sacred just as you are, and that they're wrong. They're wrong, they're cynical.

They want you to give up, and love is stronger than their fear. Too often people of faith end up on the wrong side of hatred and discrimination towards LGBTQ plus people, but that ends here. Trans kids are not political ponds. Trans kids are divine.

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