

Keynote Address: Love Beyond Belief

Rev. Thandeka

Thandeka understands the role of emotion and feeling in the depth of our religious and spiritual life. She helps us to weave together inspiring words, music, poetry, movement, song, and instrumental music in order to more fully connect with our essence and core.

Come to see, hear and feel deeply what she has to teach us. Come dialog with her to experience your life more fully. Come to become more connected with your core being and to live your life more fully directed by your essence – beyond belief.



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Rev Thandeka - Scholar, theologian, ordained UU minister, journalist, author, television producer . . . Thandeka investigates the links between religion and emotions. She explores the process of meaning making. The author of numerous articles, books, and plays, she is also the founder of Affect Theology. She brings to us rich and diverse experiences and accomplishments.

Before receiving her Ph.D. in Philosophy of Religion and Theology from Claremont Graduate University, Thandeka was an Emmy award-winning television producer for sixteen years. She was given the !Xhosa name Thandeka, which means "beloved," by Archbishop Desmond Tutu in 1984.

Thandeka has taught at San Francisco State University, Meadville Lombard Theological School, Williams College, Harvard Divinity School, and Brandeis University, and has been a Fellow at the Stanford Humanities Center at Stanford University and a Visiting Scholar at the Center for Process Studies at Claremont School of Theology in Claremont California and Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

Today, she lives in Cambridge Mass, where she is writing her spiritual autobiography about her experiences -- and those of others -- of the emotional power of liberal faith lost and found. **She continues her work as congregational consultant and organizer, and travels extensively to lead seminars and workshops on the emotional foundation of UU faith.**