

**Community Circles**  
**February 10, 2021**

**It's All Love**, with Rev. Melanie Eyre

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*Love that is not expressed in loving action does not really exist, just as talent that does not express itself in creative works does not exist; neither of these is a state of mind, or feeling, but an activity, or it is a myth.*

*Sydney J. Harris*

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Our February theme focusses on love. On Sunday, we explored what many regard as the highest form of love, agape love. Wisdom writings give us four different types of love - romantic love (eros), love of family (storge), brotherly love (philia), such as love of a friend, and what is seen as the highest form, agape love. This love reflects Spirit's unconditional love for us, passed by us and through us to others and to our world.

Agape love is who we are, in our very essence. It is the love of spirit manifesting in our world through us. We love and we give because it's in our deepest nature to do so. This is why Archbishop Desmond Tutu has said that "ultimately our greatest joy is when we seek to do good for others."

***Do you agree that agape love is the highest form of love? Do such comparisons even matter? What are examples of agape love in your experience? Is Archbishop Tutu right?***

This unconditional love moves our focus onto others. We transform our world by acts of love and service done for no reason other than to help another, improve our communities, or protect our environment. You've all seen it, or done it. You reach out to help an elderly neighbor who can't get her prescriptions, or who can't make an online appointment for a vaccine. You call a friend who just lost a family member. You spend an afternoon cleaning up a roadway, or a riverbank. You can think back and remember yourself what you have done, or what you have received. These acts don't get on the news, but each one makes such a difference.

***In today's world, is it naïve to even talk about agape love? Why or why not? Does agape love require that we take action? Why or why not?***