

Here is the response from Reverend Sean Neil-Barron, who is the assistant minister at the Foothills UU Church north of Denver Colorado, who received a letter condemning his church as non Christian for supporting a trans child.

Dear Letter Writer,

You didn't leave a return address but if you did, this is what I would say.

There is a love wider than fear, deeper than control, queerer than we were ever taught to expect. A love that delights in people becoming more themselves, not less. A love that whispers to every trans and nonbinary kid: You are real. You are holy. You are enough.

And while many UUs aren't Christian, I can still answer the question you pose: What kind of Christian love affirms trans kids? The kind that actually listens to Jesus. The kind that knows fear isn't faith. The kind that understands love was never meant to be a cage—it was meant to set us free.

And here's the truth:

A child discovering who they are is not a tragedy.

A child being safe enough to tell the truth is not a threat.

A child being met with love instead of shame is not abuse.

But denying them that love? That is a tragedy. That is a threat to their dignity. That is abuse.

So here's my street-corner, megaphone sermon: Life is vast. Love is vaster. And if your faith has to erase someone to feel safe, it's not faith—it's fear.

But good news, my dear letter writing friend: There's a better way. It's big and bright and free. And whether you believe it or not, you are already held in that love.

May you know it someday. May you let it in. May you freakin' sparkle.