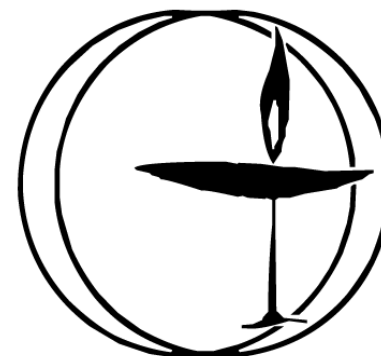


Chalice Circle



Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbia

2020 April 20

Opening Words and Chalice Lighting

Come in from the cold:

Make yourself a religious home,
if only for these brief moments—
in spite of time, *(and circumstances)*
which shall soon bear us away from one another.

Make this a family.

Treat us as your own;

Make us a religious family—
if only in this space,
which we make sacred
by our connections here and beyond.

Come on in.

Make yourself at home.

Sing and love life.

— Andrew Backus

Check-in

Please take your time and share with us where you are in your life now,
and how you are coping during the "stay-at-home" order.

First Reading #463

"My heart is moved by all I cannot save: So much has been destroyed. I
have to cast my lot with those who, age after age, perversely, with no extraordinary
power, reconstitute the world."

~ Adrienne Rich

Moment of Silence

Take this time to center yourself and think about what you have decided to
share with the group.

- **Let's talk about small or great ways we have found to cheer ourselves or others now.**
- **Let's talk about instances of courage and sacrifice that have impressed you during this pandemic.**

Additional Thoughts

What came up for you while listening to others?

Second Reading #697

The love and the work of friends and lovers belong to the task and are its
health. Rest and rejoicing belong to the task, and are its grace. Let tomorrow
come tomorrow. Not by your will is the house carried through the night.

~ Wendell Berry

Third Reading #470 Affirmation

We affirm the unfailing renewal of life.

Rising from the earth, and reaching for the sun, all living creatures
shall fulfill themselves.

We affirm the steady growth of human companionship.

Rising from ancient cradles and reaching for the stars, people the
world over shall seek the ways of understanding.

We affirm a continuing hope

That out of every tragedy the spirits of individuals shall rise to
build a better world.

~Leonard Mason, UU

Checkout: Likes and Wishes

What did you like about this Zoom meeting? What do you wish for future
meetings?

Closing Words #695/Extinguishing the Chalice

Lead me from death to life, from falsehood to truth.

Lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust.

Lead me from hate to love, from war to peace.

Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe.

~ Project Ploughshares

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