

Forever Young

by Bob Dylan

May God bless and keep you always,
May your wishes all come true,
May you always do for others
And let others do for you.
May you build a ladder to the stars
And climb on every rung,
May you stay forever young,
Forever young, forever young,
May you stay forever young.

May you grow up to be righteous,
May you grow up to be true,
May you always know the truth
And see the lights surrounding you.
May you always be courageous,
Stand upright and be strong,
May you stay forever young,
Forever young, forever young,
May you stay forever young.

May your hands always be busy,
May your feet always be swift,
May you have a strong foundation
When the winds of changes shift.
May your heart always be joyful,
May your song always be sung,
May you stay forever young,
Forever young, forever young,
May you stay forever young.



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The secret of genius is to carry the spirit of the child into old age.
- Aldous Huxley

Know ye what it is to be a child? ... It is to have a spirit yet
streaming from the waters of baptism; it is to believe in love, to
believe in loveliness, to believe in belief.
- Percy Bysshe Shelley

Grown-ups never understand anything for themselves, and it is
tiresome for children to be always and forever explaining things
to them.
- Antoine de Saint-Exupery, in The Little Prince

Preliminaries	Announce upcoming church events; get volunteers to light the chalice and do the opening reading.	Sharing/ Deep Listening	Take about five minutes to share your thoughts on the preparation questions.
Opening / Chalice Lighting - Judith G. Mannheim, 1997 UUMA Worship Materials Collection (altered)	We gather together in this space to honor and understand our lives. We bring our pasts and would share them, our dreams and would express them. We use words, song, silence, and gesture. Words cannot define our lives, but they enable us to reach out to each other, to tell and to listen, that we may be renewed, connected, unburdened. Apprehend with wonder the lives of those around you, for "from wonder into wonder existence opens." (quoting Lao Tzu)	Discussion	This is a time to supportively respond to something another person said or to relate additional thoughts that may have occurred as others shared.
Check-in	Take a minute or two to share <i>briefly</i> the high and low points in your life since we last met.	Singing - <i>Singing the Living Tradition</i> , #118 (altered)	This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. Staying young at heart, I'm gonna let it shine. Staying young at heart, I'm gonna let it shine. Staying young at heart, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Responsive Reading - Sara Moores Campbell, in <i>Singing the Living Tradition</i> , #664	<i>Half the group will read the words in Roman type, and the other half will read the words in italics.</i> Give us the spirit of the child. Give us the child who lives within: <i>The child who trusts, the child who imagines, the child who sings,</i> The child who receives without reservation, the child who gives without judgment. <i>Give us a child's eyes, that we may receive the beauty and freshness of this day like a sunrise;</i> Give us a child's ears, that we may hear the music of mythical times; <i>Give us a child's heart, that we may be filled with wonder and delight;</i> Give us a child's faith, that we may be cured of our cynicism; <i>Give us the spirit of the child, who is not afraid to need; who is not afraid to love.</i>	Reading Round the Circle - Bob Dylan, "Forever Young"	The reading is on the back of this order of service. Read around the circle with each person taking one line or phrase.
Sitting in Silence		Extinguishing the Chalice - <i>Singing the Living Tradition</i> , #413	<i>Join hands or link arms and sing:</i> Go now in peace. Go now in peace. May the spirit of love surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go. Vayan en paz. Vayan en paz. Pueda el amor rodearlos siempre, por doquier, por doquier, que vayan.