

"As life is action and passion, it is required of a man that he should share the passion and action of his time, at the peril of being not to have lived."

-- Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. (1841 - 1935)

"The happiness of a man in this life does not consist in the absence but in the mastery of his passions."

-- Alfred Lord Tennyson



SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF SAN JOSE

## Passion

"Clarity of mind means clarity of passion, too; this is why a great and clear mind loves ardently and sees distinctly what it loves."

-- Blaise Pascal (1623 - 1662)

"A man can know nothing of mankind without knowing something of himself. Self-knowledge is the property of that man whose passions have their full play, but who ponders over their results."

-- Benjamin Disraeli (1804 - 1881)

"Only passions, great passions, can elevate the soul to great things."

-- Denis Diderot (1713 - 1784)

**Preliminaries** Announcements, getting volunteers for the chalice lighting and readings

**Opening / Chalice Lighting**  
-- Mark L. Belletini  
We light this chalice, a sign of community as well as sacred conscience; a call to communion as well as a reminder of communion's cost. The cup of health, wholeness and salvation is filled for all nations and all peoples. Its cost is no less than conviction, humility, praise and forbearance. Let all come to its bounty with joy, reason, and passion, in anticipation of that love which is all-in-all.

**Check-in** Share a sentence or 2 about the high and low points in your life since we last met.

**Reading**  
-- William Wordsworth  
Wisdom and spirit of the Universe!  
Thou soul is the eternity of thought!  
That giv'st to forms and images a breath and everlasting motion! Not in vain by day or star-light thus from by first dawn of childhood didst thou intertwine for me the passions that build up our human soul, not with the mean and vulgar works of man, but with high objects, with enduring things, with life and nature, purifying thus the elements of feeling and of thought, and sanctifying, by such discipline both pain and fear, until we recognize a grandeur in the beatings of the heart.

**Sitting in Silence**

**Sharing/ Deep Listening**

Please share that which was most meaningful to you in your preparation or experience of this celebration

**Singing**  
- Hymnal #170

This song was written as a passionate response to the murder of Harvey Milk.

We are a gentle angry people, and we are singing, singing for our lives.  
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We are a justice seeking people...  
We are young and old together...  
We are a land of many colors...  
We are gay and straight together...  
We are a gentle loving people...

**Closing**  
-- Hymnal #701  
Sara Moores  
Campbell

We receive fragments of holiness, glimpses of eternity, brief moments of insight. Let us gather them up for the precious gifts that they are and, renewed by their grace, move boldly into the unknown.