



SMALL GROUP MINISTRY
FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF
SAN JOSE

On Becoming a Steward

Living is giving. We live life best as we give our strengths, gifts, and competencies. ... We are called to serve, not survive. Our giving makes a difference in our families, our congregation, our community, and our faith.

- adapted from Kennon L. Callahan

Preliminaries Announcements from church, chalice lighter, opening reading.

**Opening/
Chalice
Lighting**
– William F.
Schulz
(*Hymnal #*
429):

Come into this place of peace
and let its silence heal your spirit;
Come into this place of memory
and let its history warm your soul;
Come into this place of prophesy
and power
and let its vision change your heart.

Share a high or a low point since we last met.

Check in Take a minute or two to share briefly the high point and the low point of your life since we last met.

**Readings
from the
Common
Bowl**

**Deep
Listening** Please share your thoughts on the preparation.

**Sitting in
Silence**

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.

**Singing
Hymnal #16**
“Tis a Gift to
Be Simple”

’Tis a gift to be simple
’Tis a gift to be free,
’Tis a gift to come down
where we ought to be,
and when we find ourselves
in the place just right,
’twill be in the valley of love and
delight.
When true simplicity is gained,
to bow and to bend we shan’t be
ashamed.
To turn, turn, will be our delight,
’til by turning, turning we come ‘round
right.

**Closing/
Extinguishing
the Chalice**
— Edward
Everett Hale
(*Hymnal #*
457)

I am only one
But still I am one.
I cannot do everything,
But still I can do something.
And because I cannot do
everything
I will not refuse to do the
something that I can do.