



SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH
OF SAN JOSE

Home

The ideal of happiness has always taken material form in the house, whether cottage or castle. It stands for permanence and separation from the world.
~ *Simone de Beauvoir*

Preliminaries Announce upcoming church events; get volunteers to read opening and light chalice; pass the bowl of readings

Opening / Chalice Lighting
- Marjorie Montgomery
In the light of truth
and the warmth of love,
we gather to seek, to sustain, to share.

Check-in

Readings from the Bowl *Going around the circle, read the quotations taken from the bowl. (You might also read the quotation on the front of this order of worship.)*

Centering Practice
- Hymnal #1011
Sing three times:
Return again, return again, return to the home of your soul
Return to who you are. Return to what you are. Return to where you are
born and reborn again.

Sitting in Silence

Sharing/ Deep Listening Deeply listening, without response or thought of response at this time, is the gift we give and receive as we share our thoughts on the preparation for this session.

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 #1
May nothing evil cross this door, and may ill fortune never pry about these windows; may the roar and rain go by.

By faith made strong the rafters will withstand the battering of the storm. This hearth, though all the world grow chill, will keep you warm.

Peace shall walk softly through these rooms, touching our lips with holy wine, till ev'ry casual corner blooms into a shrine.

With laughter drown the raucous shout, and, though these sheltering walls are thin, may they be strong to keep hate out and hold love in.

Extinguishing the Chalice
- From "Leading Congregations in Worship- A Guide"
Hold hands or link arms and say together:

And now may love hallow every home and every heart;
May the light of truth shine bright among you,
And bless you with wisdom, strength, and peace. Amen.