

Unitarian – Universalist Society

Of The High Desert

Order of Service: Sunday, September 27, 2009.
Lay Service Leader: Ross Quinn

Musical Prelude: James Kelly, Violin.

Call To Worship: #445, The Womb of Stars. (Joy Atkinson)

LEADER: The womb of stars embraces us; remnants of their fiery furnaces course through our veins.

ALL: We are of the stars, the dust of explosions cast across space.

LEADER: We are of the Earth. We breathe and live in the breath of ancient plants and beasts.

ALL: Their cells nourish the soil; We build our communities on their harvest of gifts.

LEADER: Our fingers trace the curves carved in clay and stone by forebears unknown to us.

ALL: We are a part of the great circle of humanity, gathered around the fire, the hearth, the altar.

LEADER: We gather anew this day to celebrate our common heritage.

ALL: May we recall in gratitude all that has given us birth.

Lighting of the Chalice: #447 and 449 (In Unison):

(Words of Albert Schweitzer and Albert Thelander, adapted.)

LEADER: At Times our own light goes out,
And yet is rekindled
By the spark from another person.

Each of us has cause to thank,
With deepest gratitude,
Those who have ignited **our** light:
The Flame within us.

(Pause, then continue after the Chalice is lit.)

**ALL: Let us hallow this time together,
Rekindling the chalice lamp of our heritage,
Rekindling the light of each other.**

Introduction of visitors.

Announcements.

Cares and Concerns, Joys and Sorrows:

Individual Stone dropping, each with a spoken Joy or Sorrow.
Moments of silent reflection.
Dropping of a single Stone in recognition of all our unspoken thoughts and prayers.

Collection and Musical Interlude, James Kelly.

Reading: Sources of Our Faith, a “Preface” to our 7 Principles (Leader);

The Unitarian Universalist 7 Principles (In Unison)

Sermon: A Transforming Rain, A Sacred Place Revisited.

Closing Song (Standing and holding hands as we are able.)
#381: (To the tune of “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow)

ALL: *From all who dwell below the skies,
Let songs of faith and hope arise.
Let beauty truth and good be sung,
Through every land, by every tongue.* (Please be seated again.)

Extinguishing the Chalice (in Unison) (Rumi, translated by Nader Khalili)

ALL: Come, Whoever you are.
Come, And come again.
Even if you are godless,
And a worshiper of fire and idols,
Come. Our home is the home of never losing hope.
Come. Even if you break your repentance vows a hundred times,
Come again. Come.

Hymn #188 “Come, Come Whoever You Are” (To be enjoyed as a meditation: Join quietly if you are so moved.)

ALL: Blessed Be.

Reflections and comments: After the service, over coffee.