

# 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.