

Chalice Lightings/Extinguishing

In the flame from this chalice
We find the light of faith,
The glow of hope,
And the warmth of service.
May we ever grow in faith, hope, and service
As we kindle our own lights from its spark.

Wayne Arnason

We are not alone.
We are this flame, ancient as the stars, new as the vulnerable spark.
We are not alone.
We are this chalice, rimmed by the spiral dance of searching.
We are not alone.
We are the light soaring, the shadow deepening, the dance between them.
We are not alone.
We are the heirs of the tribes and their fires, the healers and their circles.
We are not alone.
We are here. We are here for ourselves. We are here for each other. And
We are not alone.

Michael DeVernon Boblett

Flaming chalice, burning bright,
Now you share with us your light.
May we always learn to share
With all people everywhere.

Eva M. Ceskava, Adapted

May the flame here lit
Be to us a symbol of the torch
That is passed from hand to hand, and life to life –
Of caring and concern and the passion of involvement
Which have marked the men and women of our liberal faith
For many generations.

Philip R. Giles

There is a core of light that underlies the little darknesses of our days.
This bright flame reminds us of the potential of our lives, and the dawning potential of humanity.
We gather in community to remember this core of light, and to count it sacred: within each of us,
and at the center of the life we seek to build together.

John Gibb Millspaugh

As we kindle the flame of this chalice, we connect with all the Unitarian Universalists who have gone before us adding their light of truth and love to our community of faith.

As we kindle the flame of this chalice, celebrating Association Sunday, we connect and affirm our common bonds and purposes with all the Unitarian Universalists who are lighting chalices on the East-Coast, the Mid-West, the Mountains, the West-Coast, and around the world.

As the flame grows, so grows our faith in life and love, and in the wisdom of our liberal way in religion.

As the flame grows, so grows our faith in the future, in one another, and in the good we can do together.

Let us grow our faith. Amen.
(Adjust as appropriate to you region)

*Stephan Papa and the minister who suggested the cross country chalice lighting
to him at GA 2007*

May this flame,
Symbol of transformation since time began,
Fire our curiosity,
Strengthen our wills,
And sustain our courage as we seek what is good within and around us.

Bets Wienecke