

Military Ministry Workshop 5

Handout 1: Sample Order of Worship

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Opening Words

Chalice Lighting

“Roll Call” (see below)

Reading

Introducing the Military Ministry Workshop Group

Reflection (Brief reflection offered by one of the workshop participants.)

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Lighting of Candles (Invite congregants to light candles to honor or remember loved ones who have served and their family members. Depending on the congregation’s practices, congregants may share brief words about why they are lighting their candle.)

Hymn

Offering and Offertory

Reflection (Brief reflection offered by one of the workshop participants.)

Invitation to Join Military Ministry Efforts

Hymn

Closing Words

Hymns - Suggestions from *Singing the Living Tradition* and *Singing the Journey*

Hymn 7, The Leaf Unfurling

Hymn 34, Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire

Hymn 100, I’ve Got Peace Like a River

Hymn 108, My Life Flows on in Endless Song

Hymn 121, We’ll Build a Land

Hymn 128, For All that Is Our Life

Hymn 143, Not in Vain the Distance Beacons

Hymn 159, This Is My Song

Hymn 388, Vine and Fig Tree

Hymn 389, Gathered ere

Hymn 1008, When Our Heart is in a Holy Place

Hymn 1012, When I am Frightened

Hymn 1021, Lean on Me

Roll Call

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Let there be a roll call to honor of those who serve, and who have served in the military. Let us begin with a minute of silence for all those who have lost their lives in military service for this country.

As you hear a description that fits you, I invite you to stand or raise your hand and be recognized. Please remain standing or keep your hand raised during the entire roll call. Please do not applaud.

- All those serving on active duty.
- All those serving in the Guard and Reserve.
- All those who have served in the military.
- All those who have served in the Guard and Reserve.
- All those who served in alternative service.
- All those who currently have family serving on active duty.
- All those who currently have family serving in the Guard and Reserve.
- All those who have had family serving on active duty.
- All those who have had family serving in the Guard and Reserve.
- All those who have or have had family serving in alternative service.

Let us enter now into a time of reflective silence or prayer to acknowledge all those in our midst who serve or have served, and the loved ones they represent.

Readings – Suggestions

Readings from the meditation manual *Bless Those Who Serve*

Readings from *War Zone Faith*

Excerpt from the UUA 2010 Statement of Conscience, Creating Peace:

For Unitarian Universalists, the exercise of individual conscience is holy work. Conscientious discernment leads us to engage in the creation of peace in different ways. We affirm a range of individual choices, including military service and conscientious objection (whether to all wars or particular wars), as fully compatible with Unitarian Universalism. For those among us who make a formal commitment to military service, we will honor their commitment, welcome them home, and offer pastoral support.