

Universalist Recovery Church
Sharing Circle Outline

Opening Words

Come into this circle of love and acceptance.
Come into this place of peace and hope.
Come into this community, where we
honor the wholeness that lies within our brokenness,
and where we believe in a force some call God,
a force that is mystery, that is creator,
that is scared, that is beauty, that is love.
And we believe that no matter who we are,
this force longs for us to turn toward It so It can hold us,
and no matter what we've done,
this force is waiting, in the end,
to take us home.
Welcome and come into this place
where we strive to reflect the love, peace,
and wholeness of such a God.

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Chalice Lighting

We light this chalice to honor our coming together and our being together. We are grateful for the care and compassion that surrounds us. (Include a reading or other words relevant to your topic.)

Introduction

During our Sharing Circles, we offer readings on aspects of our theme. After each reading, we sit together in silent reflection for a few moments, at which point the moderator will invite you to share as you feel moved by the spirit to speak. Some guidelines:

- We share from our heart and from our own experience.
- We limit comments on another's sharing.
- Whatever is said here, we hold as sacred, keeping it confidential, holding it in our own hearts, talking about it afterwards *only* if the speaker brings it up.

Readings (choose two or three)

Closing

We extinguish this chalice, but not the [peace, love, hope – whatever is relevant to the topic] that we carry with us in our hearts. We are grateful for the care and compassion that surrounds us. (If you wish, include a reading or other words relevant to your topic.)