



SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH OF
SAN JOSE

UU Principles 1 and 7

**PRINCIPLE 1: THE INHERENT WORTH AND DIGNITY
OF EVERY PERSON**
**PRINCIPLE 7: RESPECT FOR THE INTERDEPENDENT WEB
OF ALL EXISTENCE OF WHICH WE ARE A PART**

When one tugs at a single thing in nature,
he finds it attached to the rest of the world.
--John Muir

I searched for God and found only myself.
I searched for myself and found only God.
-- Sufi Proverb

Preliminaries Review announcements. Assign chalice lighter and readers.

Opening / Chalice Lighting
-- Albert Schweitzer
Compassion, in which all ethics must take root, can only attain its full breadth and depth if it embraces all living creatures and does not limit itself to mankind.

Check-in Please take minute or two to share briefly one high point and a low point of your life since we last met.

Reading
-- "No Man is an Island," by John Donne
No man is an Island, entire of itself.
Every man is a piece of continent, a part of the main.
If a clod be washed away by the sea,
Europe is the less
as well as if a promontory were,
as well as if a manor or thy friends or thine own were.
Any man's death diminishes me,
because I am involved in Mankind.

Silence

Singing
-- Hymnal #184
Be ye lamps unto yourselves
Be your own confidence
Hold to the truth within yourselves
As to the only lamp.

Sharing/Deep Listening Please share your thoughts on the preparation for this session.

Discussion This is a time to supportively respond to something another person said or to relate additional thoughts that may have occurred as others shared.

Singing
-- Hymnal #298,
"Wake Now My Senses"
Wake, now, my senses, and hear the earth call
Feel the great power of being in all
Keep, with the web of creation you vow
Giving, receiving as love shows us how.

Wake, now, my vision of ministry clear
Brighten my pathway with radiance here
Mingle my calling with all who will share
Work toward a planet transformed by our care.

Closing/ Extinguishing Chalice
-- Gordon B. McKeeman
Join hands or link arms as you say the closing words.
The worship of the gathered community is now ended.
Go in peace. Go in joy. Go in love to share
in the ongoing worship of the community in dispersion.
Carry with you what is precious to us all:
reverence for all life, beauty that displays itself in love,
deep, abiding peace.