



SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH  
OF SAN JOSE

## The Right Stuff

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.

-- *John Quincy Adams*

A man who wants to lead the orchestra must turn his back on the crowd.

-- *Max Lucado*

You don't need a title to be a leader.

-- *Anonymous*

A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don't necessarily want to go, but ought to be.

-- *Rosalyn Carter*

**Preliminaries** *Announce upcoming church events; get a volunteer to light the chalice, and read the opening reading.*

**Centering Practice** *See Leader Notes.*

**Opening / Chalice Lighting**  
*-- Elizabeth M. McMaster (from UU WorshipWeb)*

We light our flaming chalice  
 To illuminate the world we seek.  
 In the search for truth, may we be just;  
 In the search for justice, may we be loving;  
 And, in loving, may we find peace.

**Check-in** *Briefly share something that happened this week that contributes to your emotional temperature today.*

**Reading**  
*--Admiral James B. Stockdale*

Leadership must be based on goodwill. Goodwill does not mean posturing and, least of all, pandering to the mob. It means obvious and wholehearted commitment to helping followers. We are tired of leaders we fear, tired of leaders we love, and of tired of leaders who let us take liberties with them. What we need for leaders are men of the heart who are so helpful that they, in effect, do away with the need of their jobs. But leaders like that are never out of a job, never out of followers. Strange as it sounds, great leaders gain authority by giving it away

**Sitting in Silence**

**Sharing/ Deep Listening** *Deeply listening, without response or thought of response at this time, is the gift we give and receive as we share our 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 #116*

I'm on my way to the freedom land. (3 times)  
 I'm on my way, great God, I'm on my way.

I asked my sister, come and go with me. (3 times)  
 I'm on my way, great God, I'm on my way.

I asked my brother, come and go with me. (3 times)  
 I'm on my way, great God, I'm on my way.

If they say no, I'll go anyhow. (3 times)  
 I'm on my way, great God, I'm on my way.

I'm on my way, and I won't turn back (3 times)  
 I'm on my way, great God, I'm on my way.

**Extinguishing the Chalice**  
*-- Eric Williams (from UU Worship Web)*

Blessed is the path on which you travel.  
 Blessed is the body that carries you upon it.  
 Blessed is your heart that has heard the call.  
 Blessed is you mind that discerns the way.  
 Blessed is the gift that you will receive by going.  
 Truly blessed is the gift that you will become on the journey.  
 May you go forth in peace.