



SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH
OF SAN JOSE

Language of Reverence

To be able to communicate and share my mind and heart with
another human being is sacred, holy ...

-- *The Rev Carol M Wolff*

Preliminaries Announce upcoming church events; get volunteers to read opening and light chalice; pass the bowl of readings

Centering Practice

Opening / Chalice Lighting
-- Kathy A. Huff
Divine spark from sacred dark
Symbol of our holy intent
Illuminate this hour.

Check-in *Take one or 2 minutes to share happenings in your week that affect your emotional state*

Reading We need some language that will allow us to capture the possibility of reverence, to name what calls us, and to talk about our ability to shape our world, guided by what we find ourselves called to do, my energy here is not primarily for a revision of our Purposes and Principles, though that may well emerge. My priority is for us to engage with one another about this faith, what it means to us, and how we live it out. It is out of that conversation, that engagement, that any formal language should come.” Rev. William Sinkford President UUA

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 231*
Bring many names, beauti

Hold hands or link arms and say together:

And now may love hallow every home and every heart;
May the light of truth shine bright among you,
And bless you with wisdom, strength, and peace. Amen.

Extinguishing the Chalice
- *From “Leading Congregations in Worship- A Guide”*