SCRIPT for discussion first Sundays

Welcome & Announcements

Welcome to Glacier Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

We gather today to celebrate life, and renew our faith in the essential goodness and beauty of life. My name is _____ and I am your service leader today. Whether you are joining us for the first time, or have been attending for years, welcome.

We will start with announcements (we are asking people to give written announcements to our service leader to be read aloud)

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Chalice Lighting (choose from circle service topic resources)

Story for all ages? This is optional on discussion Sunday

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Discussion Topic :

INtroduction to the topic – We usually use some words or readings from our Soul Matters monthly set of worship materials. Plenty of options in the materials. Also it is nice to incorporate a thought you might have personally about the topic of the month, or how it has made a difference in your life at some point.

We'll pass the basket of readings around now. Please read each quote clearly and use the microphone to read it. Remember to hold the mic straight at your mouth when speaking. Some of our participants are very hard of hearing.

After each person has read a quote or two we'll share our observations for a while.

Discussion

[End the discussion at approximately 10:45 a.m.]

Candles of Joys and Sorrows

This is the time in our service, when we share the milestones from our individual lives. When you come up to share your Joy or Sorrow, please light a candle, use the microphone, & openly share, or hold it quietly in your heart. We will listen respectfully & lovingly. Let us now share our Joys & Sorrows……

I light this final candle for all of the Joys & Sorrows that remain in our hearts unspoken……..

Please join me for a few moments of silent reflection while we hold what we've heard this morning.

OFFERING

And now it is time to “pass the basket.” We are a self-supporting community. We appreciate your participation here today so much.

(Note: passing two baskets one each direction works best. Pianist or musician might offer some music here just so the time isn’t so awkward. Another option is to sing “From you I receive, to you I give, Together we share, and from this we live”.

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE :

Join me in our final words together

We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth, the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment. These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.