

WIESBADEN UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

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DISCUSSION Have you been to the mountaintop? Discovering the best of what has been. Dreaming of what could be. Delivering.

DISCOVERING If You Miss Me at the Back of the Bus - Pete Seeger

DREAMING Imagine - John Lennon

DELIVERING Number 46664 with Nelson Mandela - Bono, Joe Strummer and Dave Stewart

HYMN #169 We Shall Overcome

AFFIRMATION #457

I am only one

But still I am one.

I cannot do everything,

But still I can do something.

And because I cannot do everything

I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.

Edward Everett Hale

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

In unison:

“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. ”

Please join us for refreshments and conversation after the service. Our next service will be 16 February 2014 at Hainerberg Chapel, beginning at 14.00.

Have you been to the mountaintop?



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Sunday Service

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THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES

- *The inherent worth and dignity of every person*
- *Justice, equity and compassion in human relations*
- *Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations*
- *A free and responsible search for truth and meaning*
- *The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large*
- *The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all*
- *Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part*

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WELCOME

PRELUDE Amazing Grace

OPENING RESPONSIVE READING

Let us develop a kind of dangerous unselfishness.

One day a man came to Jesus and he wanted to raise some questions about some vital matters of life.

Let us quest of truth.

At points he wanted to trick Jesus, to show that he knew a little more than Jesus and throw him off base. Now that question could have easily ended up in a theological and philosophical debate.

Let us debate.

But Jesus immediately pulled that question from midair, and placed it on a dangerous curve between Jerusalem and Jericho. And he talked about a certain man, who fell among thieves.

Let us notice those who fall.

You remember that a Levite and a priest passed by on the other side.

They didn't stop to help him.

Let us stop to help.

And finally a man of another race came by. He got down from his beast, decided not to be compassionate by proxy.

Let us not be compassionate by proxy.

But he got down with him, administered first aid, and helped the man in need.

Let us help those in need.

Jesus ended up saying, this was the great man, because he had the capacity to project the "I" into the "thou," and to be concerned about his brother.

Let us be concerned about our brothers and sisters.

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Adapted from Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s *I've Been to the Mountaintop*

HYMN #170 We Are a Gentle Angry People

CHALICE LIGHTING

May the light we now kindle inspire us to use our powers to heal and not to harm, to help and not to hinder, to bless and not to curse, to serve you, Spirit of freedom.

Passover Haggadah

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

We invite you to light a candle at this time as an expression of your joy or concern that you'd like to share.

"I light this last candle for all joys and concerns left unspoken this day."

STORY FOR ALL AGES

The Desert is Theirs by Byrd Baylor illustrated by Peter Parnall

"Go now in peace, go now in peace. May the spirit of love surround you, everywhere, everywhere you may go."

RESPONSIVE READING #732 for Martin Luther King, Jr.

Great Spirit of light and of darkness;

We gather once again to remember a fallen friend, and nourish ourselves from the fountain of reflections.

Open our hearts to the anguish of our pain, to the tired taste of swallowed tears, and to our unrealized vision.

In this place we bring our scattered lives together, groping for meaning and looking for truth.

Be with us as we continue our search for understanding of the mystery of the temporal;

Stay with us as we wander through our memories, seeking pathways to the future.

Move with us as we unravel the implied imperatives of hopes unfulfilled;

Justice makes tireless demands, and we grow weary.

As we touch one another in common cause, and with the great Spirit in our midst,

Let us find the way and the courage to realize the dream which still lives within us.

Amen.

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