

# *What is Love?*



## **Wiesbaden Unitarian Universalists 16 February 2014 Hainerberg Chapel**

### **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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*Love is the doctrine of this church, the quest of truth its sacrament, service its prayer.*

## Welcome

**Prelude** Hallelujah (instrumental) John Keating

## Opening Reading #428

Come out of the dark earth, here where the minerals  
Glow in their stone cells deeper than seed or birth.  
Come into the pure air, above all heaviness  
Of storm or cloud to this light-possessed atmosphere.  
Come into, out of, under the earth, the wave, the air.  
Love, touch us everywhere with primeval candor.

May Sarton

**Hymn #131 Love will Guide Us** (in *Singing the Living Tradition*)

## Chalice Lighting

May this flame go up and remind us that our faith is good:  
Every one of us can bring love to the world.  
May this chalice burn with clear flame as a symbol of our path:  
Every one of us can have joy, peace and harmony in our hearts.  
May through this flame the wisdom of ages speak to us and stay in us:  
Every one of us can be a blessing to the world. —Petr Samojsky

submitted by the Religious Society of Czech Unitarians  
to the ICUU Global Chalice Lighting Program

## 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 Together

by **George Ella Lyon** Pictures by **Vera Rosenberry**

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

## Hymn from Carolyn's childhood

**Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children**  
Praise of the Lord—His Love

(Guitar: Capo 1)

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff has a treble clef and the second has a bass clef. Chords are indicated above the notes: D, G, D, Em, D, A on the first staff; and D, G, D, G, A, D on the second staff. The lyrics are written below the notes.

1. Praise Him, praise Him, all ye lit-tle chil - dren, God is love, God is love;  
2. Love him...  
3. Thank him...

## Meditation Reading

*Night on the Island*

Pablo Neruda

## Meditation

## Discussion

*What is Love?*

Carolyn Burmedi

## Hymn #123 Spirit of Life

## Benediction

Wisdom, be thou more precious than possessions without end.  
Truth, be thou more sacred than the pleasing of a friend.  
Courage, be thou our strength to gain the distant goal.  
Beauty, send thou a cleansing wonder to our souls.  
Kindness, be thou our guide upon life's way.  
Peace, be thou the benediction of our day. Amen.

~Reverend Don Harrington

## Extinguishing the Chalice In unison:

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

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Please join us for refreshments and conversation after the

**Coming Events**

**2 March 14:00 Discussion Group**, Hainerberg Chapel, **Intro to UU Part #3**  
How we Grow in Faith: The Philosophy of Religious Exploration and Education

**16 March 14:00 Sunday Service**, Hainerberg Chapel

**29 March (Saturday)**                      **Spring Field Trip Series**  
#1 - Worms Cathedral/Jewish Ghetto/Purification Bath

**11-13 April**            **EUU Retreat**            **Melun, France**

service.

**Night on the Island**

All night I have slept with you  
next to the sea, on the island.  
Wild and sweet you were  
between pleasure and sleep,  
between fire and water.

Perhaps very late our dreams joined  
at the top or at the bottom,  
up above like branches moved by a common wind,  
down below like red roots that touch.

Perhaps your dream drifted from mine  
and through the dark sea was seeking me as before,  
when you did not exist,  
when without sighting you I sailed by your side,  
and your eyes sought what now—  
bread, wine, love, and anger—  
I heap upon you because you are the cup  
that was waiting for the gifts of my life.

I have slept with you all night long while  
the dark earth spins with the living and the dead  
and on waking suddenly in the midst of the shadow  
my arm encircled your waist.  
Neither night nor sleep could separate us.

I have slept with you  
and on waking, your mouth,  
come from your dream,  
gave me the taste of earth,  
of sea water, of seaweed,  
of the depths of your life,  
and I received your kiss  
moistened by the dawn  
as if it came to me  
from the sea that surrounds us.

~~Pablo Neruda