

# *Searching for a Great Heart:*

*Living with Purpose & Taking on Leadership  
in Community*



## **Wiesbaden Unitarian Universalists March 16, 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 spirit of this church, the quest of truth its sacrament, service its prayer.*

## Centering Thought:

Always hold firmly to the thought, that each one of us can do something to bring some portion of misery to an end.

## Welcome

**Prelude** *Spirit of the Great Heart* -Johnny Clegg & Savuka

**Opening Reading #567: To Be of Use, Marge Piercy**

**Hymn** (in *Singing the Living Tradition*) #157: *Step by Step*

## ICUU Global Chalice Lighting

*As we gather in the shadow of our mountain  
The ocean laps around our feet.  
We reach deep for the silence within.  
Feel the rhythm of the ancient drum.  
We light our flame, it lifts us high.  
Our rainbow seems alight.  
Diverse as we are,  
Together as one!  
Our flame will shine afar  
And guide our journey's light.*

-Unitarian Church of South

*Africa*

## Sharing of Joys and Concerns

We invite you to light a candle at this time as an expression of your joy or a concern that you'd like to share.  
"I light this last candle for all joys and concerns left unspoken this day."

## Children's Affirmation

*We are Unitarian Universalists, a people of open minds,  
loving hearts, and helping hands.*

**Story for All Ages** *The Three Questions, Jon. J. Muth*  
"Go now in peace, go now in peace/May the spirit of love surround  
you/  
Everywhere, everywhere/ You may go."

**Hymn #121: We'll Build a Land**

**Meditation Reading "You Can Make a Difference"**  
- Irv Furman

## Meditation – Today's Guiding Questions

1. How can/do we as UU's implement our values in our lives in ways that benefit the common good?
2. How do we define these big ideas:  
"the common good"?  
"our community"?  
"purpose"?  
"leadership"?
3. What do we value?

**Discussion** Guide: Bonnie Friedmann

**Hymn** *Fire of Commitment* -Jason Shelton

**Benediction** *Untitled Poem* -Judy Chicago

## 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."*

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Please join us for refreshments and conversation after the

**Coming Events**

**29 March (Saturday)** Spring Field Trip Series

**#1 - Worms Cathedral/Jewish Ghetto/Purification Bath**

**6 April 14:00**

Discussion Group, Hainerberg Chapel

For the New UU: Social Justice, Philosophy and Practice

**11-13 April EUU Spring Retreat,**

**Melun France** <http://www.europeanuu.org/page22.php>

service.

**You Can Make a Difference**

by Irv Furman

There was a young man walking down a deserted beach just before dawn. In the distance he saw a frail old man. As he approached the old man, he saw him picking up stranded starfish and throwing them back into the sea.

The young man gazed in wonder as the old man again and again threw the small starfish from the sand to the water. He asked, "Old man, why do you spend so much energy doing what seems to be a waste of time?"

The old man explained that the stranded starfish would die if left in the morning sun. " But there must be thousands of beached and millions of starfish!" exclaimed the young man. "How can you make any difference?"

The old man looked down at the small starfish in his hand and as he threw it into the safety of the sea, he said, "I made a difference to this one."

**Untitled Poem**

And then all that has divided us will merge  
And then compassion will be wedded to power  
And then softness will come to a world that is harsh and unkind  
And then both men and women will be gentle  
And then both men and women will be strong  
And then no person will be subject to another's will  
And then all will be rich and free and varied  
And then the greed of some will give way to the needs of many  
And then all will share equally in the Earth's abundance  
And then all will care for the sick and the weak and the old  
And then all will nourish the young  
And then all will cherish life's creatures  
And then all will live in harmony with each other and the Earth  
And then everywhere will be called Eden once again.

-Judy Chicago