WIESBADEN UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

19 October 2014

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HOMILY Faith Like a River: On Covenant

Questions to consider and reflect upon:

- 1. What promises have you made to yourselves recently?
- 2. What promises do we make to one another?

HYMN #108 My Life Flows On in Endless Song

BENEDICTION #705

If we agree in love, there is no disagreement that can do us any injury, but if we do not, no other agreement can do us any good. Let us endeavor to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace.

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."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for refreshments and conversation after the service.

Our next service will be on Sunday, 16 November at Hainerberg Chapel, beginning at 2 p.m.

There will be a Reading Group discussion of Emerson's Self-Reliance on Sunday, 2 November at Hainerberg Chapel, beginning at 2 p.m.

Please refer to the website at http://wiesbadenuu.weebly.com or join the Wiesbaden Unitarian Universalist Facebook group for additional information.

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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 River Flows in You by Yurima

RESPONSIVE READING

Where holy enthusiasm is

When a holy enthusiasm seizes the heart Your face lights up. You feel like a star singing. Your very soul, hearing your song, is radiant. It was, and it will be again.

With the sun on our brows,

Enthusiasm will bloom once more.

With paradise in our hearts

Clouds will disappear,

And the sun's rays bring the earth back to life.

The sun of your hope will shine again Along the dangerous narrows of your life, Bringing warmth and light And the air of freedom, peace and happiness It was, and it will be again.

It was, and it will be again.

You would embrace the whole world,

Have peace touch every flower,

You would like to give yourself away completely to everybody,

Forgive everything, play host to everyone.

You would lift this earth to heaven.

Hymn No. 94 Kde svaté nadšení composed by Norbert Čapek in 1942 in Dresden Prison

HYMN #100 I've Got Peace Like a River

CHALICE LIGHTING

We light this chalice as a beacon of the free church tradition,

a tradition that lives on in us,

a tradition that calls us together by covenant,

by mutual promise to walk together in the ways of faith.

May ours be a community of love that calls us ever to peace, hope and justice.

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 Agreement by Barry Lopez

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

READING #528 I've Known Rivers

I've known rivers:

I've known rivers ancient as the world and older than the flow of human blood in human veins.

My soul has grown deep like the rivers.

I bathed in the Euphrates when dawns were young.

I built my hut near the Congo and it lulled me to sleep.

I looked upon the Nile and raised the pyramids above it.

I heard the singing of the Mississippi when Abe Lincoln went down to New Orleans and I've seen its muddy bosom turn all golden in the sunset.

I've known rivers:

Ancient, dusky rivers.

My soul has grown deep like the rivers.