

UU Small Group Ministry Network

Circling for Freedom

First Unitarian Church of Wilmington, Delaware, by Rev. Michelle Collins, 2013

Chalice Lighting, by William Gardiner (adapted)

We light this chalice as a symbol of the creativity compelled by our shared faith;
The creativity to explore new avenues of religious insight;
The creativity to develop a caring community; and
The creativity to envision a world of peace and freedom.

Check In

Centering: Singing together – Circle ‘Round for Freedom, #155 in *Singing the Living Tradition*

Circle ‘round for freedom, circle ‘round for peace,
For all of us imprisoned, circle for release,
Circle for the planet, circle for each soul,
For the children of our children, keep the circle whole.

(can also view this song at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7-6tLoAu1tU>)

Discussion & Sharing Questions:

- Can you think of a time when a freedom seemed particularly precious to you?
- What are some freedoms that you have? Have you had these freedoms your entire life? If not, then how did it change for you?
- What are some ways that you are not free? Do any of these feel burdensome or oppressive to you?
- What does it mean to be free?
- What are some ways that others in our community are not free – both church community and local community? What are some freedoms that we as Unitarian Universalists should be advocating for all people?

Closing Thoughts

Extinguishing the Chalice