

## **Citizenship**

Covenant Group Curriculum, River of Grass Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Davie, FL

**Opening Meditation/Music/Silence/Chalice Lighting** (whichever one(s) you choose to do)

### **Opening Words:**

“What do I owe to my times, to my country, to my neighbors, to my friends? Such are the questions which a virtuous person ought often to ask themselves.” - *Johann Kaspar Lavater*

### **Check-in/Sharing**

### **Topic/Readings:**

“If I read the temper of our people correctly, we now realize, as we have never realized before, our interdependence on each other; that we can not merely take, but we must give as well; that if we are to go forward, we must move as a trained and loyal army willing to sacrifice for the good of a common discipline, because without such discipline no progress can be made, no leadership becomes effective.”

- *Franklin Delano Roosevelt*

“To see people coming out—elderly, disabled, blind, poor; people who have to hitch rides, take buses, etc.—and then stand in line for hours and hours and hours... Well, it’s humbling. And it’s awesome. And it’s kind of beautiful.”

- A post to *talkingpointsmemo.com* describing early voting in Florida

**Facilitator:** Please read the quotes aloud and ask the folks assembled to reflect for a moment on what role citizenship plays in their lives.

How has the meaning of citizenship changed for them over the course of their lives, like from when they were young?

What are the differences between being born a citizen and choosing to become one?

How much time do people estimate they think about what being a citizen means?

### **Likes and Wishes/Feedback**

### **Closing Words:**

“We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But if that drop was not in the ocean, I think the ocean would be less.”

- *Mother Teresa*

Amen. May you live in blessing.