

Unitarian Universalist Small Group Ministry Network Website  
“IT ISN’T THAT THE DEAD DON’T SPEAK...”  
First Universalist Church, UU, Auburn, ME, Rev. Glenn Turner, April 18, 2017

OPENING WORDS & CHALICE LIGHTING

“It isn’t that the dead don’t speak, it’s that we forget how to listen.”  
Pier Paolo Pasolini

SILENT REFLECTION

CHECK-IN: (40-50 minutes)

FOCUS: “IT ISN’T THAT THE DEAD DON’T SPEAK...”

(Listening to a short video talk by Patty Duke)

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-04-11/patti-smith-talks-stagefright-at-bob-dylan-nobel-prize-ceremony/8434944>

DISCUSSION:

Let this be a time for us to reflect upon the memories and conversations that we might still have with members of our family, or our friends, who are no longer living.

What did they teach us? As we remember them and their lives, what do they still tell us?

LIKES AND WISHES

CLOSING WORDS:

So many people, ones we loved, our teachers, poets, and guides are no longer among the living, but their words, whether printed in books or etched in memory, remain as a conversation that once begun, continues. There is always something that we wish we could share with them, that calls up the memory of what they thought of felt. There is always that recollection of words that brought something in us to life. Let what they shared with us continue to inspire our journey. They do not speak aloud. But what they said remains. We only have to listen. GHT