

Unitarian Universalist Small Group Ministry Network Website  
“Security”  
Evergreen UU Fellowship, Marysville, WA

Gathering Music: “Werewolves of London” by Warren Zevon  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iDpYBT0XyvA>

Alternate introduction: The Story of the Three Little Pigs  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wXcccTEY6h4>

Chalice Lighting:

Opening Words:

Personal security is an individual concern. Some people feel far more confident in certain surroundings than others. Each of us knows what makes us feel safe and circumstances where we feel vulnerable. It is important that we recognize these and develop personal safety plans to cover our day to day activities. Griffith University.

Economic security is the situation of having a stable source of financial income that allows for the on-going maintenance of one's standard of living. Online Business Dictionary

Article 3 of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights reads, “Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.”

Note that “Security” does not appear in the Declaration of Independence. Rather it states, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

**Round 1: Check-in.**

**Round 2: Sharing** – Is your life scary or secure? Has the level of security in your life varied with your circumstances? Is there a story that typifies your sense of personal safety in the world at some point in your life? There are risks inherent in living. How close are these risks in your own life? Is the wolf at your door? Are you living in a life built of brick and mortar?

**Round 3: Sharing** – Octave Mirbeau said, “The greatest danger of a terrorist's bomb is in the explosion of stupidity that it provokes.” Since 9/11 airports have implemented many security measures and the National Security Agency has monitored our phone calls. On the other hand, anybody can buy an assault rifle at a gun show without a background check. Pundits ranging from Bill Maher

have called for a suspension of flights to the US from West Africa. Is Ebola increasing your anxiety?

After the sharing round, you might include the following:

By the way, the most serious risks of death are:

1. and 2. Tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place are Heart Disease and Cancer.  
(Preventative Care and Early Detection Help)
3. Vehicle Collisions (Seatbelts and Vehicle Safety Features Help)
4. Gunshot (Gun Reform Legislation can help)
5. The Flu (vaccines help)

**Round 4:** Are there people, groups, programs or personal behaviors that increase your sense of security? Are you involved in increasing the security of others?

**Closing Words:**

“Do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Let the day's own trouble be sufficient for the day.” Jesus of Nazareth

“Fear? What has a man to do with fear? Chance rules our lives, and the future is all unknown. Best live as we may, from day to day.” — Sophocles, Oedipus Rex

**Extinguish the Chalice**

