## Unitarian Universalist Small Group Ministry Network Website

## A Work of Art

Chalice Circle Facilitators' Session

Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto, CA, Rev. Amy Zucker Morgenstern, January 2012

**NOTE:** Invite participants to bring a piece of visual art that is meaningful to them, or an image of it.

## **Chalice Lighting** Erik Heller-Wagner

Blessed is the fire that burns deep in the soul. It is the flame of the human spirit touched into being by the mystery of life.

**Check-in** How is it with your spirit? What have been the high points and low points in your life since we last met?

# Viewing each other's art

We'll take some time to pass them around or walk around and look at them, to get some familiarity with the images people brought to share

## **Sitting in Silence**

*Some questions you may want to contemplate:* 

- **♥** Why did you choose this piece to share?
- **♥** What does it mean to you?
- **♥** How does it make you feel?
- **♥** What does it make you think about?

**Sharing/Deep Listening** During this sharing, we will listen deeply without response or thought of response, as a gift to each other and ourselves.

**Sharing Together** *This is a time to respond briefly to something another person said or to relate additional thoughts that may have occurred as others shared.* 

#### If Session is used for Facilitators' Group

**Tending the Groups** What's happening in your group? Do you have any questions that the rest of us may be able to help with?

Specific focus questions: How are the ground rules serving you? Have they changed? Are people keeping to them? Do others besides you remind everyone of them when needed?

**Singing:** "From You I Receive" (Joseph and Nathan Segal, #402 in *SLT*)

From you I receive, to you I give, Together we share, and from this we live.

## **Extinguish the Chalice**