

## UUCLV Newcomer Chalice Circle 10/23/2022

### **Chalice Lighting**

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. It is the fire of reason; the fire of compassion; the fire of community; the fire of justice; the fire of faith. It is the fire of love burning deep in the human heart; the divine glow in every life. By Eric A Heller-Wagner

### **Check in**

Briefly introduce yourself and share what drew you to this congregation and to the chalice circle.

### **Topic: *Making Friends as an Adult***

Each friend represents a world in us, a world possibly not born until they arrive, and it is only by this meeting that a new world is born. ~Anais Nin

The glory of friendship is not the outstretched hand, not the kindly smile, nor the joy of companionship; it is the spiritual inspiration that comes to one when you discover that someone else believes in you and is willing to trust your friendship. ~Emerson

### **Questions**

What attributes attract you as you choose your friends?

Have you replaced friends that have left you?

Describe how you have held onto or revived long term friendships. Was it worth the effort you put in?

What have you learned as an adult to make new friends and grow closer to those you care for?

### **Chalice Extinguishing**

Within each of our hearts there is a most glorious light.

Go forth, and let its spark help you understand what troubles both you and others;

Go forth, and let its light of reason be a guide in your decisions;

Go forth, and bring its ray of hope to those in need of help in both body and spirit, that they may find healing;

Go forth, and fan the flames of passion to help heal our world;

Go forth, and spread the warm glow of love, pushing back the darkness of the world;

Go forth, and share your glorious light with the world.

By James Morison