

Chalica – Week Four - Equity

This fourth week of Chalica, we lift up our value of Equity, which affirms that every person is inherently worthy and has the right to flourish with dignity, love, and compassion. This reflects our legacy of affirming human worthiness and a commitment to equitable and compassionate relationships. Because we value equity, we covenant to use our time, wisdom, attention, and money to build and sustain fully accessible and inclusive communities.



Chalice Lighting

from Steve Stock

We light this chalice to celebrate the inherent worth and dignity of every person;
To reaffirm the historic pledge of liberal religion to seek that justice which transcends mere legality and moves toward the resolution of true equality; And to share that love which is ultimately beyond even our cherished reason, that love which unites us.

Poetry

from Charles Thomas

we are the fundamentalists
not those who claim the name

but those of us

who believe in human rights
for everyone

who believe in fundamentals
of fairness
of equality
of equity

who believe in recognizing injustices
of past of present
and being accountable
for ending them

who believe in caring
for nature

who believe in restoring
in maintaining
the environment

who believe in working toward peace
toward freedom
for all

yes we are the fundamentalists

Mindfulness and Action

- Is there a local justice-seeking organization to which I can offer time or talents?
- How does my silence perpetuate injustice? Can I speak up in ways that help others know I care?
- Are there people near me to whom a simple kindness would make a world of difference?
- How can I learn or participate in ways that promote justice and equity in my community?

Breathe, said the wind.

*How can I breathe at a time like this,
when the air is full of the smoke
of burning tires, burning lives?*

Just breathe, the wind insisted.

*Easy for you to say, if the weight of
injustice is not wrapped around your
throat, cutting off all air.*

I need you to breathe.

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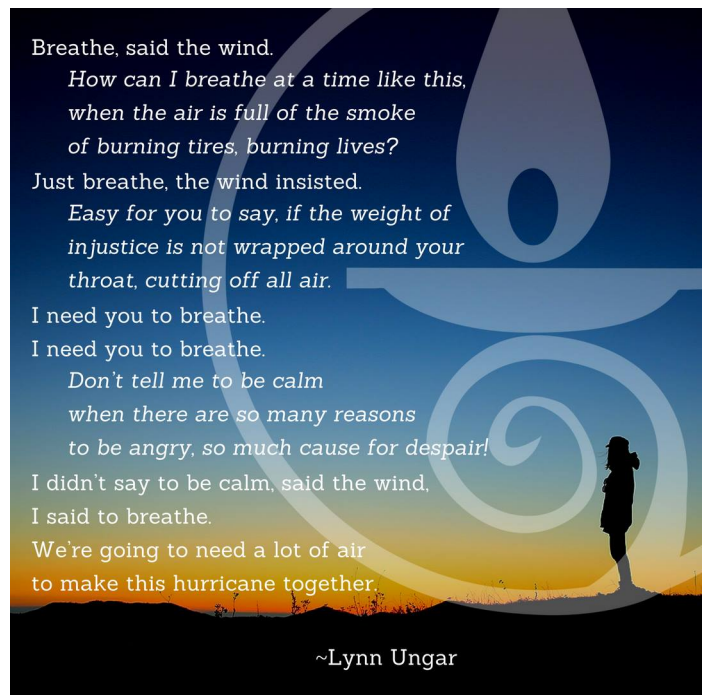
*Don't tell me to be calm
when there are so many reasons
to be angry, so much cause for despair!*

I didn't say to be calm, said the wind,

I said to breathe.

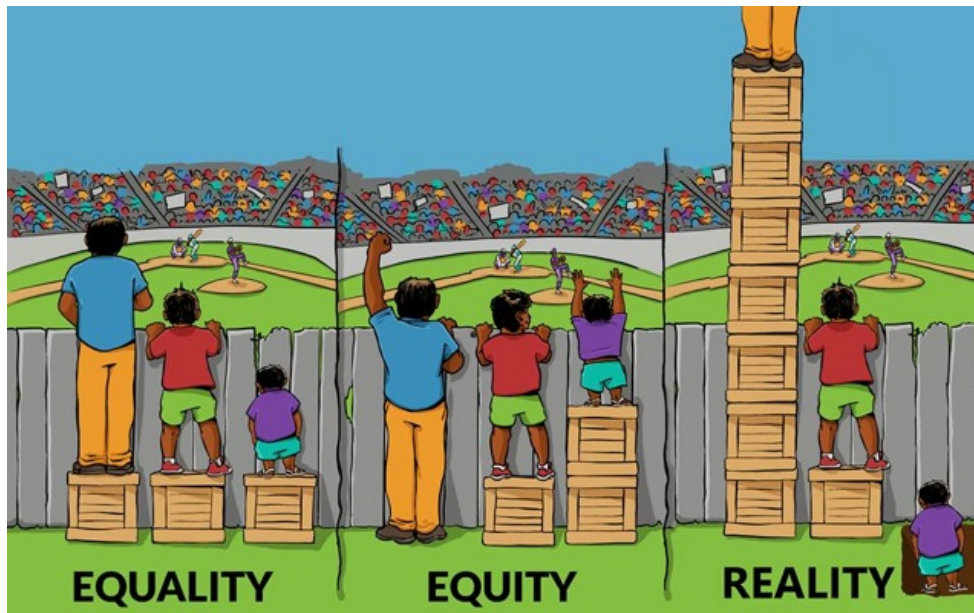
We're going to need a lot of air
to make this hurricane together.

~Lynn Ungar



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Have you seen this before? Where? What do you see? What do you notice that is different about the different scenes?

Besides a baseball game, where might you notice that Reality is different than Equity in the world?

Pay attention this week to where you places that things are not equitable? What can you do or work with others to do to create Equity in that situation?

Draw a picture that shows what you would want to make it equitable.