

Chalica – Week Six - Interdependence

This sixth week of Chalica we are honoring the interdependent web of all existence, of which we are a part. With reverence for the great web of life and with humility, we covenant to protect Earth and all beings from exploitation. We commit to creating and nurturing sustainable relationships of care and respect, mutuality, and justice. And we recognize the importance of repairing harm and damaged relationships.

Chalice Lighting

We ignite this elemental flame, core of our earth and of our very being.
We call upon the foundation of molten rock.
We call upon the electricity of lightning.
We call upon the light of celestial stars.
Fire within, transform us with your power.

Reading/Song

Hymn 298, *Wake, Now, My Senses*, closes with the following lyric:

Wake, now, my vision of ministry clear;
Brighten my pathway with radiance here;
Mingle my calling will all who will share;
Work toward a planet transformed by our care.



Meditation

from Jeff Liebmann

Primitive humans understood and respected the power of the natural world. While humankind takes well-deserved pride in its modern engines and harvesting of resources, we would do equally well to hone our humility, remembering that we are insignificant creatures next to the might of a sun.

The temptation to succumb to the short-term benefits of our modern way of life is not sustainable. We know this well, and yet we continue to avail ourselves of our world's bounty with little care for its maintenance.

As Unitarian Universalists, we must fight for the rights of our planet with no less diligence that we do for our own freedom and liberty.

As congregants, we are stewards of our houses of worship; as citizens, we are stewards of our nation; and as human beings, we are stewards of our home, the earth.

Mindfulness and Action

You're invited to select one of the questions or suggestions below for conversation with others or personal reflection.

- What sustainable practices do I engage in?
- What is one practice that I could add in the next month?
- How could I increase my awareness of being part of "the interdependent web of all existence?"
- Learn more about UUCC's Ministry for the Earth at <https://uucleveland.org/ministry-for-earth-2/>
- Pay attention to your trash and recycling this week, then try to figure out how to have less of both.
- Consider offering a gift that honors planet Earth and its creatures.

We did not weave the web of life – we are merely a strand in it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. ~Chief Seattle, 1854 (adapted)

Chalice for Youth – Week Six - Interdependence

We believe in caring for our planet Earth with all its beings and working to repair the damage we have done.



RECYCLE MAZE



Help Alice the Chalice recycle! Find the way to the recycle bin.



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Mindfulness and Action

- How was today's value used in service today? How can you practice this value in the coming week?
- Take a family walk outside and admire the beauty of the earth.
- Make a recycle bin for your bedroom or home office if you don't already have one.
- Pay attention to your trash and recycling this week, then try to figure out how to have less of both.
- Take an energy walk through your house and brainstorm ways you might be able to save energy.