



Sharing/Community Issue

Pakistani UUs work hard to spread light, love and hope to those around them. How can each of us do the same in our lives? Think of 3 things you can do to bring comfort and gladness to others. Listen deeply as members share their reflections. Do not respond at this time; just listen.

Discussion

This is a time to respond supportively to something another person said or relate additional thoughts.

Hymn

(#121)

Barbara Zanotti

We'll Build a Land

We'll build a land where we bind up the broken.
We'll build a land where the captives go free,
Where the oil of gladness dissolves all mourning.
Oh, we'll build a promised land that can be.

Come build a land where sisters and brothers,
Anointed by God, may then create peace;
Where justice shall roll down like waters,
And peace, like an ever-flowing stream.

Offering of Prayers or Candles of Joy and Concern

Benediction

Samina Tufail Gill
Pakistan

O God of life, we come to your refuge.
We pray to you. As you have made the earth to give crops,
the sun to give light and heat, moon and stars for guidance,
and the same air to breathe for all human beings, we pray
that you will shower the blessing of love and unity for all
humanity.

Extinguishing of the Chalice

Samina Tufail Gill
Pakistan

O God, as we now extinguish these candles we ask you to keep
the light and warmth in our hearts and minds, so that we may
amend our thoughts words, and deeds and be at one with you
and with all humanity. Amen.

Resources:

The hymns can be found in *Singing the Living Tradition* published by the Unitarian Universalist Association, Boston, 1993.

Chalice lightings, etc. are from *One and Universal* edited by John Midgley,
published by Skinner House Books, Boston, 2002 for the ICUU
www.uua.org/skinner and from the ICUU website: www.icuu.net

The prayer is from *A Global Conversation: Unitarian/Universalism at the Dawn of the 21st Century*. Prague: International Council of Unitarians and Universalists

The Unitarian Universalist Christians of Pakistan

The spirit of God has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to comfort all who mourn, to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. You shall be named ministers of our God.

Isaiah 61

Call to Worship *Ringing of the bell*

Preliminaries Announcements, volunteers (one male, one female) to light the two chalices, lead readings, etc.

Chalice Lighting Aiay Khuda hum iss Chirage ko array naam say roshan kartay haian. Takay tarray naam ki yeh roshani tarikie kay tamaam bandanoan ko torrh day, tauasibat, shakok, aur ghussa. Aur hamariay dariman aik dusaray ko samajanai,qabool karnay,bardashit karnay,makarisiat aur bahmiat koo laiay takaay tarey roshani chamack sakay. Paiar aur mhabaat ki roshani jo tornaay ki bajaa hamashah ikkhatta rakkhati haay. Amen.

*Inderias Bhatti
Pakistan*

Oh God, we light up this chalice in your name. May the light spread in your name break all the bounds of darkness, the bounds of prejudices, doubts, and anger. Bring us understanding, acceptance, tolerance, pluralism and mutuality so that your light may shine. The light of love that rather binds forever instead of dividing. Amen.

Check-In *Take a minute or two to share briefly a high or low point of your life from this past week.*

Prayer We admit our disobedience, O, Yahawa;
(UU Christians of Pakistan) Bring us a Moses who can get us:
Love instead of Hatred;
Earnings instead of Wagelessness;
Health instead of Diseases;
Food instead of Hunger;
Joys instead of Sorrows;

Clothes instead of Nakedness;
Shelter instead of Homelessness;
Relaxation instead of Human Tensions;
Security instead of Fear;
Righteousness instead of Guilt;

Certainty instead of Anxiety;
Divinity instead of Demons;
Truth instead of Injustices;
Attention instead of Carelessness;
Equality instead of Inferiority;

Fortune instead of man-made disasters;
Wisdom instead of Discouragement;
Understanding instead of Prejudices;
Companionship instead of Loneliness;
Light instead of Darkness;

Guidance instead of Wilderness;
Condolence instead of Cries;
Comfort instead of Mourning;
Compassion instead of Sufferings;
Excitement instead of Stresses;

Growth instead of Sterility;
Truth instead of Doubts;
Modesty instead of Harshness;
Tolerance instead of Religious Orthodoxies;
Goodness instead of Corruption;

Justice instead of Violence;
Nobility instead of Pressures;
Non-Violence instead of Tortures;
Enoughness instead of Poverty;
Forgiveness in our sins;

Solidarity in our Voiceless;
Morality in our Temptations;
Mutuality in our Divisions;

O Yahawa!!!
When would our cries reach to you?
When would you remember the Covenant made with our Father Abraham?
The Covenant of the Holy Land, where we can Praise You in public rather than secretly;
Serve You openly rather than in Silence;
Witness You freely rather than being invisible;

O Yahawa!!!
How much more should we wait to be delivered From the hands of our enemies, from our Captivity?

O Yahawa!!! Ignore our waywardness;
Captivity! Yes, our Captivity
Is the Ultimate Reason.

Sitting in Silence

Hymn
(#95)
*African-American
hymn*

There is More Love Somewhere
There is more love somewhere; there is more love somewhere;
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it; there is more love somewhere.
There is more hope somewhere; there is more hope somewhere;
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it; there is more hope somewhere.
There is more joy somewhere; there is more joy somewhere;
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it; there is more joy somewhere.

(The service is continued on the back)