

Resources:

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Poland

“Unconstrained but responsible search for Truth should be our aim.”

*the Rev. Czeslaw Glogowski
Unitarian Church of Poland*

And the truth shall set you free.

John 8:32

Call to Worship *Ringing of the bell*

Preliminaries Announcements, volunteers to light the chalice, lead readings, etc.

Chalice Lighting Marvelous Truth, confront us at every turn, in every guise.
Denise Levertov (#500)

Hymn **Spirit of Truth, of Life, of Power**
(#403) Spirit of truth, of life, of power,
We bring ourselves as gifts to thee:
Oh, bind our hearts this sacred hour
In faith and hope and charity.

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

Responsive Reading Separate Truths
Penny Hackett-Evans Each of us brings a separate truth here.
We bring the truth of our own life, our own story.

We don't come as empty vessels.
But rather we come as full people . . .
people who have our own story and our own truth.
We seek to add to our truths and add to our stories.
This room is rich with truth, rich with experiences.

All manner of people are here:
Needy... joyful ... frightened ... anxious ... bored.
We all bring truth with us.

May we all recognize the truth and the story in everyone's life.
And may we hear and honor the truths that we all bring as we gather together.

Together we have truth.
Together we have a story.

Together we have community.

Hymn From you I receive,
(#402) To you I give,
Together we share,
And from this we live.

Reflection Is "Truth" synonymous with God? How is "Truth" each individual's own story? Are there any absolute truths?

Sitting in Silence

Sharing *Share your thoughts about Truth and seeking Truth. Listen deeply as members share their reflections. Do not respond at this time; just listen.*

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

Prayer From the cowardice that shrinks from new truth,
Anonymous From the laziness that is content with half-truths,
From the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth,
O God of Truth, deliver us.

Hymn **Amazing Grace**
(#206) Amazing Grace!
How sweet the sound
That saved a soul like me
I once was lost,
But now am found,
Was blind,
But now I see.

Extinguishing the Chalice

May our hearts be nourished with true friendship
and our souls fed with truth.