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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*

<b>Call to Worship</b>	<i>Ringing of the bell</i>	<b>Hymn</b> (#402)	From you I receive, To you I give, Together we share, And from this we live.
<b>Preliminaries</b>	Announcements, volunteers to light the chalice, lead readings, etc.		
<b>Chalice Lighting</b> <i>Denise Levertov (#500)</i>	Marvelous Truth, confront us at every turn, in every guise.	<b>Reflection</b>	Is “Truth” synonymous with God? How is “Truth” each individual’s own story? Are there any absolute truths?
<b>Hymn</b> (#403)	<b>Spirit of Truth, of Life, of Power</b> 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.	<b>Sitting in Silence</b>	<i>Share your thoughts about Truth and seeking Truth. Listen deeply as members share their reflections. Do not respond at this time; just listen.</i>
<b>Check-In</b>	<i>Take a minute or two to share briefly the high or low point of your life this past week.</i>	<b>Discussion</b>	<i>This is a time to supportively respond to something another person said or to relate additional thoughts that may have occurred as others shared.</i>
<b>Responsive Reading</b> <i>Penny Hackett-Evans</i>	<b>Separate Truths</b> Each of us brings a separate truth here. <i>We bring the truth of our own life, our own story.</i>  We don’t come as empty vessels. <i>But rather we come as full people . . .</i> <i>people who have our own story and our own truth.</i> <i>We seek to add to our truths and add to our stories.</i> <i>This room is rich with truth, rich with experiences.</i>  All manner of people are here: Needy... joyful ... frightened ... anxious ... bored. <i>We all bring truth with us.</i>  May we all recognize the truth and the story in everyone’s life. <i>And may we hear and honor the truths that we all bring as we gather together.</i>  Together we have truth. <i>Together we have a story.</i>  Together we have community.	<b>Prayer</b> <i>Anonymous</i>	From the cowardice that shrinks from new truth, From the laziness that is content with half-truths, From the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth, O God of Truth, deliver us.
		<b>Hymn</b> (#206)	<b>Amazing Grace</b> 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.
			<b>Extinguishing the Chalice</b> May our hearts be nourished with true friendship and our souls fed with truth.