



LAKESHORE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

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October 25, 2020

"Remembering the Saints"

Who would you be without those in your life who have come before you?

GATHERING HYMN: "Enter, Rejoice, and Come In"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHALICE LIGHTING:

As we kindle this the flame, we honor and remember
Those who have passed into the mystery.
Their brightness lives on in our vision;
their courage lives on in our commitments;
and their love continues to bless the world through us. - *Florence Caplow*

OPENING WORDS:

We know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death.
They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make.
Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories.
And we find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared their love.

OPENING HYMN: #103: "For All the Saints"

You are invited to sing along at your computer with your mike muted

JOYS AND CONCERNS (*A time for **brief**, personal sharing from the heart*)

SILENT MEDITATION - *Background music* : "Spirit of Life"

READING: "They Are with Us Still"

In the struggles we choose for ourselves,
in the ways we move forward in our lives
and bring our world forward with us,

It is right to remember the names of those
who gave us strength in this choice of living.
It is right to name the power of hard lives well-lived.

We share a history with those lives.
We belong to the same motion.

They too were strengthened by what had gone before.
They too were drawn on by the vision of what might come to be.

Those who lived before us,
who struggled for justice and suffered injustice before us,
have not melted into the dust,
and have not disappeared.

They are with us still.
The lives they lived hold us steady.

Their words remind us and call us back to ourselves.
Their courage and love evoke our own.

We, the living, carry them with us:
we are their voices, their hands and their hearts.

We take them with us, and with them choose the
deeper path of living. - *Kathleen McTigue*

PRESENTATION: "Remembering the Saints"

CLOSING HYMN: #354: "We Laugh, We Cry"

CLOSING WORDS and the EXTINGUISHING OF THE CHALICE

Spirit of Life, whom we know best in our own loving and being loved, hold us as we remember those we have loved, and those who have loved us. May our gratitude sparkle in our lives, may our tears lubricate our souls. Help us to know that we are not alone in our grieving, and help us also to come to that peaceful place in which we can take what we learned from those who have gone before us into our own lives. Remind us that we, too, are mortal; and that the only enduring legacy we leave is the love that shines through our lives.

- *Christine C. Robinson*

SHALOM

BREAK OUT ROOM "COFFEE HOUR"

Next Week's Service: Waiting to Embrace You, with Rev. Christina Leone-Tracy, senior minister, Fox Valley UU Fellowship. "Each week when we met in the sanctuary, our closing each words ended with the phrase, "knowing that we wait to embrace you upon your return." We've tweaked those words just a bit during this pandemic ("we embrace each other, even now, from a distance"), but we are still waiting for the moment when we'll be able to embrace again. What does it mean to embrace from a distance? How can we hold each other, and hold space for each other, in a time of such heightened anxiety in our nation?"