

SERVICE LEADER'S TEMPLATE

11-15-09

—Welcome and Announcements

You may sing “Come, Come, Whoever You Are” (or recruit someone else to sing it) or you can simply “ding” the chime 3 times and hope.

Welcome to the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bozeman. I am _____ and I will be The Lay Leader for today's service. We offer a special welcome to those who are visiting today and would like to invite you to join us for coffee after the service. If you are interested in knowing more about the Fellowship, please feel free to speak with a member of the membership committee after the service. They are the members who are raising their hands. Please read the announcements printed in the bulletin. If there are any other announcements related to the activities of the UUFB that are not in the bulletin or cannot be posted on the Bulletin Board in the back, please come forward.

—Hand of Friendship

Let us take this time to share the hand of friendship with one another.

Time this part. Keep it to 45 seconds if at all possible. Ding the chime to let people know that they should return to their seats

—Prelude

—Moment of Silence

I invite you to enter into a moment of silence. This is a time when we let go of all that we have carried in with us, a moment to reflect, a moment to center ourselves, a moment to simply become present.

Take thirty seconds to a minute. End the silence by dinging the chime.

—Words of Ingathering

—Lighting of the Chalice

Invite your chalice lighter to come forward. If the lighter is a child, light a match and then help the child light the taper that they will use to light the chalice candle. Have them stand next to you as you read what you have chosen.

We also light the peace candle as long as we are at war.

—Reading of Covenant

Let us all read the covenant together

**Love is the spirit of this church
And service is its prayer
This is our covenant with one another and
The Spirit of Life:
To live together in peace,
To seek truth in freedom
And to help one another.**

—Opening Hymn

**Please stand, if you are willing and able, to sing Hymn
_____**

—Story for All Ages

Invite the children to come forward.

Turn the microphone off.

There should be a mike set up for the SFAA giver. You may help turn it on.

As the children are leaving, the congregation will sing “Go Now In Peace.”

Turn the SFAA mike off, and turn your microphone back on.

—Sermon/Presentation

—Musical Meditation

This is the response to the sermon/presentation. You do not need to introduce it.

—Joys and Concerns

This is our fellowship, our community, in which we share and find strength and common purpose. Let us open our minds and hearts to one another to listen with love and understanding. If you have a joy or concern you would like to share, we invite you to come forward, place a stone in the water, tell us your name and your joy or concern. Please use the microphone.

You can help the Joys and Concerns flow. If someone should share something painful or difficult, you can ask the next person to wait a moment before sharing his/her joy or concern.

When folks are finished please say

I add this last stone for all the joys and concerns left unspoken in our hearts.

The musician should play the introduction and all sing “Comfort Me.”

—Offering

The offering is a sign of commitment to a free Fellowship, which is supported by the voluntary generosity of all who join with us. The offering is given and received in grateful appreciation of our shared hopes and values. If you are visiting us for the first time please let the plate pass you by. Your presence with us today is gift enough.

Place the plates on the altar after they have been collected.

—Closing Hymn

Please stand, if you are willing and able, to sing Hymn #

Please remain standing through the Chalice Extinguishing.

—Chalice Extinguishing

Extinguish the chalice and read while the folks are still standing.

—Closing Circle and Song

Let us form our closing circle and sing “_____.”