

Closing Words:

*As you prepare to leave this sacred space*

As you prepare to leave this sacred space  
Pack away a piece of this church in your heart.  
Wrap it carefully like a precious gem.  
Carry it with you through the joys and sorrows of your  
days -  
Let its gentle glow strengthen you, warm you, remind  
you of all that is good and true  
Until you gather here again in this place of love.

– Andrew Pakula

Postlude

(Please remain seated)

Dates to Remember...

Oct. 10 **The Golden Rule** – Craig Beam

Oct. 17 **Is Spirituality Replacing Formal Religions?** – Morris Bosey

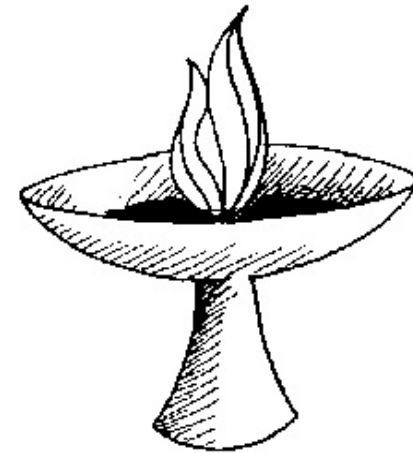
Oct. 24 **China and Mongolia - The 'Religion' of Communism** – Karen Johnson

Oct. 24 **November Newsletter Deadline**

Oct. 29 **UCN Night at the Movies**

Oct. 31 **The 7<sup>th</sup> Principle** – Julianne Momirov

# Unitarian Congregation of Niagara



*Religious Ornithology or Church is for the Birds*  
– Alan Wheeler

**October 3, 2010**

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***Order of Service***  
***Sunday, October 3, 2010***

*Speaker: Alan Wheeler*

*Service Leader: Julianne Momirov*

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Prelude

Welcome

Opening Words:

“As I spoke, beneath my feet  
The ground pine curled its pretty wreath  
Around me stood the oaks and firs  
Over me soared the eternal sky  
Again I saw, again I heard  
The rolling river, the morning bird  
Beauty through my senses stole  
I yielded myself to the perfect whole.”  
– *Ralph Waldo Emerson, "Each and All"*

Announcements

Chalice Lighting:

***New Light***

We light this chalice to affirm that new light is ever waiting  
to break through to enlighten our ways:

That new truth is ever waiting to break through to  
illumine our minds:

And that new love is ever waiting to break through to warm  
our hearts.

May we be open to this light, and to the rich  
possibilities that it brings us.

– *Charles A. Howe*

Opening Hymn:      **#203**    ***“All Creatures of the Earth  
and Sky***

Joys and Concerns

Offertory

Reading:            In the Beginning

In the beginning, when the earth was new,  
birds had no feet but only flew.  
When they crashed upon their nose,  
Mother Nature gave them toes.  
Then they dined standing on the beach,  
catching all the fish within their reach.  
And when they fought for fish to eat,  
Mother Nature stretched their feet.  
"Nobody here can fall asleep!  
So, you long-legged birds, fish in the deep.  
Short-legged birds, fish near the shore,  
And stop that fighting! You hear? No more!"  
*by Frank Asch.*

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Discussion

Hymn:                **#15**    ***“The Lone Wild Bird”***

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