

Sources used by Rev. Rodela: *(continued)*

I was also inspired by this (non Unitarian Universalist) sermon about David and Goliath by Bruce Cameron: [www.gobible.org/sermons/five\\_smooth\\_stones.html](http://www.gobible.org/sermons/five_smooth_stones.html)

I found Cameron's sermon because it was excerpted in this blog, which also inspired me to link Adam's "five smooth stones" to the affirmation that we use every week at GRU: [ruuminations.wordpress.com/sermons/lfive-smooth-stones/](http://ruuminations.wordpress.com/sermons/lfive-smooth-stones/).

## Dates to Remember...

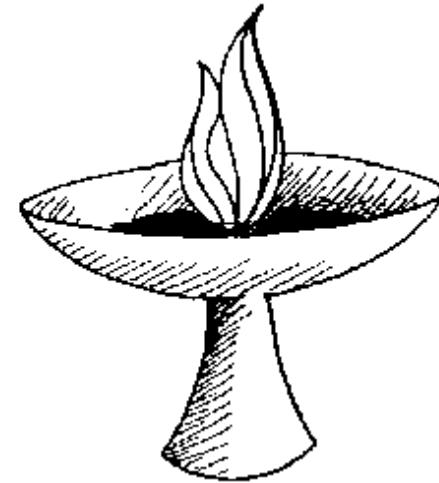
### February 2014

- Feb 2** **Healthy Congregation Workshop** – following service and lunch.
- Feb 9** **Songs about Peace, Justice & Liberty**  
– Juliet and Peter      S.L. Sara Jordan
- Feb 16** **Grandmothers to Grandmothers**  
– Theresa Randles
- Feb 16** **Newsletter Submission Deadline**  
– [riseingcarol@gmail.com](mailto:riseingcarol@gmail.com)
- Feb 16** **Booklet - AGM 2014 available in church**
- Feb 21** **UCN Film Night - The Way**    7:00 p.m.
- Feb 23** **AGM for UCN** – John Northover

### FRAGRANCE-FREE POLICY

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# *Unitarian Congregation of Niagara*



**The Uncommon Denomination**  
– *Karen Johnson-Hosein*

February 2, 2014

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***Order of Service***  
**Sunday, February 2, 2014**

Speaker: Karen Johnson-Hosein  
Service Leader: Karen Johnson-Hosein  
Musician: Theresa Pothier

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Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Chalice Lighting:

We light this chalice to celebrate the inherent worth and dignity of every person; To reaffirm the historic pledge of liberal religion to seek that justice which transcends mere legality and moves toward the resolution of true equality; And to share that love which is ultimately beyond even our cherished reason, that love which unites us. [Steve Stock](#)

Opening Words:

**Affirmation of Grand River Unitarian Congregation:**

*Love is the doctrine of this church,  
The quest for truth is its sacrament,  
And service is its prayer.  
To dwell together in peace,  
To seek knowledge in freedom,  
To serve humanity in harmony with the earth,  
Thus do we covenant together.*

Joys and Concerns

Time of Silence and Introspection

Hymn:       **#300    With Heart and Mind**

Offertory

Responsive Reading:   **#568    Connections are Made Slowly**

Sermon read by Karen Johnson-Hosein:

**The Uncommon Denomination**

The Reverend Jessica Purple Rodela *given at the Grand River  
Unitarian Congregation on Sun, Feb. 3, 2013*

Discussion and Comments

Hymn:       **#143    Not in Vain the Distance Beacons**

Closing Words:

“Be ours a religion which, like sunshine, goes everywhere; its temple, all space; its shrine, the good heart; its creed, all truth; its ritual, works of love; its profession of faith, divine living.” — Theodore Parker.

Extinguishing the Chalice:

Knowing how quickly the flame of truth may be extinguished,  
How easily the chalice of fellowship broken,  
Let us be vigilant in faith,  
Keep peace in our hearts,  
And make care for one another  
The watchword of our lives together  
So our light goes out -  
Everywhere -  
Into the world.

Postlude:   (Please remain seated during the postlude,  
then join us for coffee and conversation.)

Sources used by Rev. Rodela:

James Luther Adams. “Guiding Principles for a Free Faith.” On Being Human Religiously: Selected Essays in Religion and Society (Max Stackhouse, ed. Beacon Press, 1976).

For a wonderful introduction to Adam’s Five Smooth Stones, I recommend viewing this video by Rev. Naomi King of City of Refuge. It is from Rev. King’s introduction that I understood the ‘smooth stones’ as antidotes to current ills: [www.cityofrefugefl.com/2011/06/introduction-to-5-smooth-stones.html](http://www.cityofrefugefl.com/2011/06/introduction-to-5-smooth-stones.html)

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