

Ending:

May our gathering together this morning be a blessing for one and all. May it inspire us to a year of hope and love and courageous faith. And may we walk that year in the full awareness—as often as possible—of the blessed ties that bind each to all. Amen.

Postlude: Theresa Pothier

(Please remain seated for the piano selection, then join us for coffee and conversation.)

Dates to Remember...

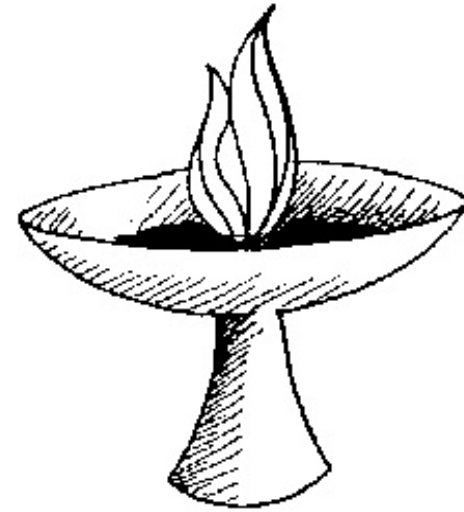
September 2013

- Sept 15** First Principle: Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PWDD) – *Judith Barker*
- Sept 20** Film Night 7:00 p.m. – “*Living as Brothers*”
- Sept 21** Rykert Street Garden 10:00 a.m.
Contact: davidljordan9@gmail.com
- Sept 22** Blink: The Power of Thinking without Thinking
– Karen Johnson-Hosein
- Sept 22** Newsletter Submission Deadline
– riseingcarol@gmail.com
- Sept 29** Campaign 2000 – Anita Khanna
S.L. Desmond Sequeira

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Unitarian Congregation of Niagara



Water Communion / Ingathering
– *Marie Belliveau*

September 8, 2013

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Order of Service
Water Communion / Ingathering
Sunday, September 8, 2013

Service Leader: Marie Belliveau
Pianist: Theresa Pothier

Prelude: **Piano Selection – Theresa Pothier**

Welcome: I welcome all visitors and those who are more familiar to us today. We appreciate your taking time out of your weekend to be with us and we look forward to getting to know you better whether it's your first time at this congregation or your hundredth time.

Chalice Lighting: “For the Web of Life” By : [*Paul Sprecher*](#)

We light this chalice for the web of life which sustains us,
For the sacred circle of life in which we have our being,
For the Earth, the Sky, Above and Below, and
For our Mother Earth, and for the Mystery.

Ritual for Ingathering Water Communion Services: *Marie Belliveau*

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

Ingathering Prayer:

Guided by Love, secured by Hope, and made courageous by Faith,
We gather together at a moment of beginning:

Both Learning and Teaching,
Welcoming the Injured and the Healing,
Ever Justice-Seeking,
We bless this church with our Love.

With Pilgrims and Seekers,
Growing Children and Cherished Seniors,
Guided by Pillars and by Leaders,
We bless this church with our Hope.

Praying and Resolving,
Trusting and Involving,
Some Settled, some Evolving,

We bless this church with our Faith.

Let us receive our Ingathering as a gift.

May it inspire renewed commitment to our great covenant of Love, Hope,
and Faith.

May our eyes be opened to opportunities for broad ministry within,
throughout, and beyond.

And may the blessings we come to know through that vision be a
blessing to the world.

Amen.

Opening Hymn: **#123 Spirit of Life**

Water Communion Ritual: Marie

Offertory:

Blending Waters: And now come forward to add the water you have
carried with you.

Hymn: **#122 Sound Over All Waters**

Closing Words: **“All Rivers Run to the Sea”** [*Kayle Rice*](#)

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