

Even though disappointed a thousand times or fallen in the fight and everything would worthless seem, I have lived amidst eternity.

Be grateful, my soul,  
My life was worth living.

He who was pressed from all sides but remained victorious in spirit is welcomed into the choir of heroes.

He who overcame the fetters giving wing to the mind is entering into the golden age of the victorious.

Postlude: *Please remain seated for the piano selection.  
Please join us for drinks and conversation.*

### Dates to Remember...

#### June 2015

**June 16 UCN Book Club** – Tuesday, at the home of Karen Johnson-Hosein in Sherkston, 5:00 p.m. with a pot-luck supper. Book: “The Shell Seekers” by Rosamunde Pilcher.  
Please let Karen know you are coming.

**Summer Program** – See the June Newsletter

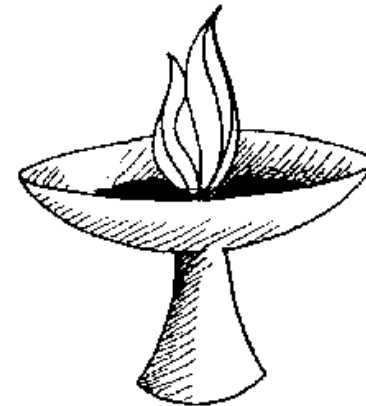
#### August 2015

**Aug. 23 Newsletter Submission Deadline**  
– [riseingcarol@gmail.com](mailto:riseingcarol@gmail.com)

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# *Unitarian Congregation of Niagara*



## **The Flower Communion**

– *Julianne Momirov*

**June 14, 2015**

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*Order of Service*  
**Sunday, June 14, 2015**

Speaker/Service Leader: Julianne Momirov  
Musician: Theresa Pothier

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Prelude: Piano Selection – Theresa Pothier

Welcome

Opening Words: **Blessing for Flower Communion**  
By Michael DeVernon Boblett

Blessed be the flower that triumphs at last Over the snows, over the centuries, over the heavy feet of cattle and of soldiers treading down the fragile places of the earth.

Blessed be the flower that triumphs at last Over the tangled branches, over the withered stem, over the tearing thorns of roses and of barbed wire.

Blessed be the flower that triumphs at last Even over the hand that gathers it, cuts it off from life, from roots, from the memory and taste of iron and tears in the soil.

Blessed be the flower that triumphs at last Over the closed rooms that are not its home, over efforts to domesticate its wild truth, over the vain words of priests and poets.

Blessed be the flower that triumphs at last Over us, over pasts and futures, over words and silences, over deaths and lives, placing them all in their proper place, restoring to all things their joyful smallness.

Blessed be the flower that triumphs at last.

Chalice Lighting: #455

Announcements

Hymn #1: #63 **Spring Has Now Unwrapped the Flowers**

Joys and Concerns

Offertory

Responsive Reading: #556 **These Roses**

Sermon: **The Flower Communion**

Flowers will be distributed

Meditation

Hymn #2: #64 **Oh, Give Us Pleasure in the Flowers Today**

Extinguishing the Chalice: **It Is Worthwhile to Live and Fight Courageously for Sacred Ideals**

By Norbert Fabian Capek

It is worthwhile to live and fight courageously for sacred ideals.

Oh, blow ye evil winds into my body's fire; my soul you'll never unravel.  
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