

## Moderator's Words for Sunday Service

### **1. Welcome**

Good morning and welcome to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Lauderdale.

Unitarian Universalism is the church of the open mind – the helping hands – and the loving heart.

My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I am \_\_\_\_\_  
(role in congregation).

At this time please check your cell phone to make sure it is turned off. Thank you.

### **2. Joys and Concerns Journal**

As a beloved community, we affirm and support each other. Our service includes a time for the sharing of joys and concerns. Individuals are encouraged at this time to write their thoughts in the journal provided in the back of the sanctuary, and our moderator will read them aloud later in the service.

### **3. Announcements**

We begin our Sundays together with a time for church and community announcements. Church announcements go first. Please remember to keep them brief.

[MODERATOR WAITS WHILE ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE MADE]

### **4. Guest Information**

If you are here for the first time and did not fill out a guest registry form prior to service, we urge you to do so after the service, so you can be kept informed about the ongoing activities of our congregation, as well as the social justice and other projects we are involved in from time to time. Guest registry forms are in the foyer at the greeter's stand.

For our guests who may have questions, there are various publications and leaflets about our church and our religion on the table in the foyer. Please help yourself. Please also feel free to ask questions of any members of this church, and especially our Trustees – would the Board please stand up so we all know who you are. :-) Thank you.

## **5. Introduction of the Service**

We are an intentionally diverse congregation which affirms the free and responsible search for truth and meaning. Our living tradition draws from many sources, including the wisdom of the world's religions, humanist teachings, words and deeds of prophetic men and women, spiritual teaching of earth-centered traditions, and the direct experience of transcending mystery found in all cultures. Our celebration of diversity is reflected in the variety of our Sunday services. We hope today's service enriches your journey.

[MODERATOR EXITS UNTIL JOYS AND CONCERNS, AT WHICH TIME JOYS AND CONCERNS READER APPROACHES THE MIC AND HANDS THE MODERATOR THE LIST OF NAMES TO READ. ONCE READ, THE JOYS AND CONCERNS READER READS FROM THE BOOK, AND THEN THE CONGREGATION, IF ANY; SEE FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS AT NO. 7 BELOW]

## **6. Moderator Introduces Guests**

If you are a guest here for the first time and have signed a guest registry form prior to service, please stand as I read your name and where you are from, so we can greet you. :-)

[MODERATOR INTRODUCES GUESTS]

Are there any guests whose names I have not read? If so, would you like to stand and tell us who you are and where you are from? :-)

We thank you for joining us today. Please join us for coffee on the patio to your right after service and feel free to partake of any or all of the treats that are provided. Please also feel free to walk our labyrinth – let's give them all a nice warm Fort Lauderdale welcome!!

## **7. Joys and Concerns**

[MODERATOR HELPS JOYS AND CONCERNS READER BY LIGHT CANDLES AS NEEDED. LIGHT THE FIRST CANDLE FROM THE CHALICE AND THE REMAINING CANDLES FROM THE ONES ALREADY LIT.]