

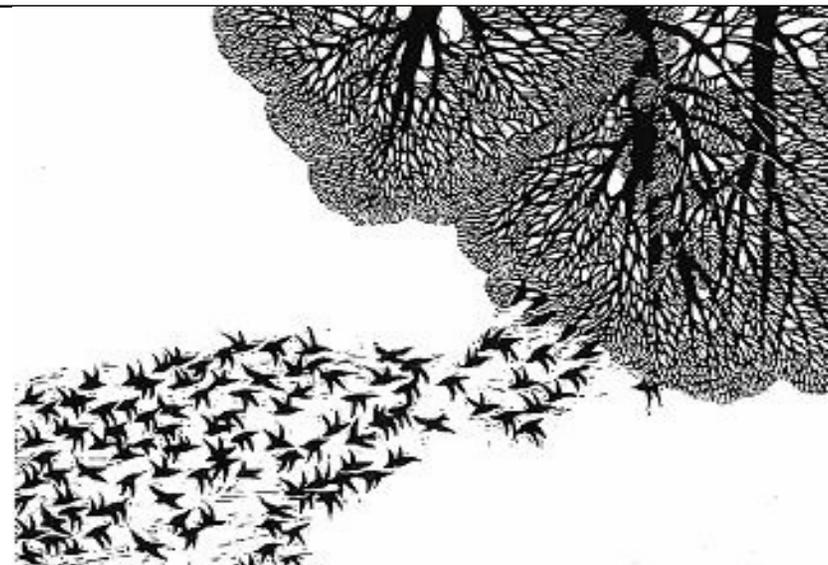


# *UU Christian Fellowship*

A Lectionary Discussion Guide

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Order of Service



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Unitarian Universalist Christian Fellowship

## Lighting of the Chalice Charles Gordon Ames

In the freedom of the truth  
And in the spirit of Jesus  
We unite for the worship of God  
And the service of all

## Joys and Concerns

*A time to let your fellow UUFC Members & Friends know what's been happening in life, and what's in your mind & heart. Remember to say your name.*

**A Time for Silence** *Take some time for a moment of silence...then, read out loud the prayer on the left—leave some time for silent reflection—then read the prayer on the right.*

### *The Lord's Prayer*

Our Father who art in Heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name;  
Thy kingdom come  
Thy will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive those who trespass  
against us;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil  
For Thine is the power, the glory and  
the Kingdom, forever and ever.  
Amen

O, Birther of the Cosmos, focus your  
light within us -- make it useful  
Create your reign of unity now  
Your one desire then acts with ours,  
As in all light, So in all forms,  
Grant us what we need each day in  
bread and insight:  
Loose the cords of mistakes binding us,  
As we release the strands we hold of  
other's guilt.  
Don't let surface things delude us,  
But free us from what holds us back.  
From you is born all ruling will,  
The power and the life to do,  
The song that beautifies all,  
From age to age it renews.  
I affirm this with my whole being.

THE ARAMAIC PRAYER OF JESUS  
as translated from Aramaic by  
[Saadi Neil Douglas-Klotz](#)  
of the Sufi Order of the West

## Reflection Questions on The Lord's Prayer

- Which one spoke to you most deeply?
- Were you surprised as you read either the “traditional” or “non-traditional” prayer at any insights that struck you?
- Could you imagine making either one part of your daily spiritual practice?

## Bible Study—Lectionary for this coming Sunday—a Model for Lectio Divina in Bible Study

### Read \* Reflect \* Respond \* Rest

1. **Read.** Participants use different translations of the Bible and take turns reading lines from a particular scripture passage.
2. **Reflect.** After everyone has had a chance to finish—allow some silence so that participants can reflect on the meaning of the text for him/her.
3. **Respond.** Bring whatever thoughts you have had during the reflection time to the conversation.
4. **Rest.** After a while it will seem like the group has run out of things to say on a particular passage. Just sit with the silence for a while, “resting” in and with the text, then, when it feels right, move onto the next passage.

### Bible Study (best source for lectionary study is:

<http://divinity.library.vanderbilt.edu/lectionary/>

*Choose the Lectionary passages that will be coming up that Sunday.*

## Reflection Questions to stimulate conversation (general)

- Can you see yourself in this story (Psalm, parable, epistle?)
- What do you think the main point of this writing is?
- After reading & reflecting on the text, did you notice any “aha” moments that you didn't have at first hearing of the text?
- How might the hearing and reflecting on this text change you?
- Is there anything you might do or think differently as a result of this text?

## Closing Words Love is the Spirit of this Church and service its law.

(unison) This is our great covenant:  
To dwell together in peace,  
to seek the truth in love,  
and to help one another.

**Affirm next meeting time, date & place**