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## International Council of Unitarians and Universalists



### Poland

“Unconstrained but responsible search for Truth should be our aim.”

*the Rev. Czeslaw Glogowski  
Unitarian Church of Poland*

And the truth shall set you free.

*John 8:32*

**Call to Worship**     *Ringing of the bell*

**Preliminaries**     Announcements, volunteers to light the chalice, lead readings, etc.

**Chalice Lighting**     Marvelous Truth, confront us at every turn, in every guise.  
*Denise Levertov (#500)*

**Hymn**     **Spirit of Truth, of Life, of Power**  
(#403)     Spirit of truth, of life, of power,  
We bring ourselves as gifts to thee:  
Oh, bind our hearts this sacred hour  
In faith and hope and charity.

**Check-In**     *Take a minute or two to share briefly the high or low point of your life this past week.*

**Responsive Reading Separate Truths**  
*Penny Hackett-Evans*     Each of us brings a separate truth here.  
*We bring the truth of our own life, our own story.*

We don't come as empty vessels.  
*But rather we come as full people . . .*  
*people who have our own story and our own truth.*  
*We seek to add to our truths and add to our stories.*  
*This room is rich with truth, rich with experiences.*

All manner of people are here:  
Needy... joyful ... frightened ... anxious ... bored.  
*We all bring truth with us.*

May we all recognize the truth and the story in everyone's life.  
*And may we hear and honor the truths that we all bring as we gather together.*

Together we have truth.  
*Together we have a story.*

Together we have community.

**Hymn**     From you I receive,  
(#402)     To you I give,  
Together we share,  
And from this we live.

**Reflection**     Is "Truth" synonymous with God? How is "Truth" each individual's own story? Are there any absolute truths?

**Sitting in Silence**

**Sharing**     *Share your thoughts about Truth and seeking Truth. Listen deeply as members share their reflections. Do not respond at this time; just listen.*

**Discussion**     *This is a time to supportively respond to something another person said or to relate additional thoughts that may have occurred as others shared.*

**Prayer**     From the cowardice that shrinks from new truth,  
*Anonymous*     From the laziness that is content with half-truths,  
From the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth,  
O God of Truth, deliver us.

**Hymn**     **Amazing Grace**  
(#206)     Amazing Grace!  
How sweet the sound  
That saved a soul like me  
I once was lost,  
But now am found,  
Was blind,  
But now I see.

**Extinguishing the Chalice**  
May our hearts be nourished with true friendship  
and our souls fed with truth.