

A Gathering
at The Peepul Centre
Orchardson Avenue, Leicester

on Sunday 18th October 2007 at 11am

*A different way of being together for a time
to celebrate the value of each other and the world*

Today's theme is 'The Elements'

Organised by members of Leicester Unitarian Fellowship



Music: 'Har Har Mukande' (Singh Kaur)

*Welcome and introduction
Lighting the chalice candle & opening words*

*Song: 'Brother Sun & Sister Moon'
(words by St Francis of Assissi, sung to trad. air)*

*O Brother Sun you bring us light,
All shining round in fiery might,
O Sister Moon you heal and bless,
Your beauty shines in tenderness,
O Brother Wind you sweep the hills,
Your mighty breath both freshens and fills,
O Sister Water you cleanse and flow,
Through rivers and streams, in ice and snow.*

*O Brother fire you warm our night,
With all your dancing coloured light,
O Sister Earth you feed all things,
All birds, all creatures, all scales and wings,
O Sister Death you meet us here,
And take us to our God so near,
O God of life, we give you praise,
For all your creatures, For all your ways.*

*Short talk: 'The elements'
followed by a short period of silence.*

Song: 'Earth My Body'

*Earth my Body, Water my Blood, Air my breath and Fire my Spirit.
Air moves us, Fire transforms us, Water shapes us, Earth heals us,
And the balance of the wheel goes round and around,
the balance of the wheel goes round.*

Responsive Affirmation

*Let us now give thanks for the 4 Elements in our lives.
Without Earth there would be no life.*

Let us have Earth.

*For the beautiful Earth who holds within her all that has gone before
and all that will come, we give thanks.*

We give thanks to the beautiful earth.

Without water, there would be no life.

Let us have water.

*For the water carried by the air over sea and land until cleansed by
the sun, it falls to earth once more to form our oceans and rivers.*

We give thanks to the refreshing rain.

Without the fire of the sun, there would be no life.

Let us have fire.

*For the energy that flows invisible to green plants. For the light and
warmth, we give thanks.*

We give thanks to the fiery sun.

Without air, there would be no life.

Let us have air.

*For the cooling breezes and raging winds, for the scents they carry to
our delight, we give thanks.*

We give thanks to the air that breathes life into us.

For the miracle of our existence, we give thanks.

We give thanks for the blessed life that we share.

*Celebration of the Elements:
Earth, Air, Fire, Water.*

‘May you be Hale, Hearty & Whole’

Song: I am Life
(Hildegard of Bingen / Josquin Desprez)

*I am that great and fiery force, Sparkling in ev'rything that lives;
In shining of the river's course, In greening grass that glory gives.*

*I shine in glitter on the seas, In burning sun, In moon and stars;
In unseen wind, In verdant trees I breathe within, Both near and far.*

*And where I breathe there is no death, And meadows glow with beauties rife;
I am in all, The spirit's breath, The thundered word, For I am life.*

Floating Leaves & Petals on Water

Reading: Rumi 'Answers From The Elements'

Notices

Zoroastrian Walking Meditation Dance:
'Armaiti, Anahita, Atar, Vayu.
Ahura Mazda, Ahura Mazda'

Benediction: Celtic Blessing

Music: 'Hara Har Mukande' - Singh Kaur'



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