

A Gathering
at The Peepul Centre
Orchardson Avenue, Leicester

on Sunday 15th June 2008 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 'Just As You Are'

Organised by members of Leicester Unitarian Fellowship



Music: 'Prayer For Peace' (Sufi - Saki Lee)

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

*Song: 'Simple Gifts' (Trad. Shaker/Jim Badman)
(Nos 156 & 187 in 'Sing In The Spirit' Quaker songbook)*

*'Tis a gift to be simple, 'Tis a gift to be free,
'Tis a gift to come down where we ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place that is right,
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.*

*When true simplicity is gained,
To bow and to bend we will not be ashamed,
Then turning and turning will be our delight,
Till by turning and turning we'll come round right.*

*'Tis a gift to be loving, 'Tis a gift to be gay,
'Tis a gift to accept one another anyway,
And when we are ourselves, And have no pretence,
Then we shall find that our lives make sense.*

*When true simplicity is gained,
There'll be no excuses, No need to explain,
To love one another will be our delight,
Till by living in love we will come round right.*

*Short talk: 'Just As You Are'
followed by a meditation.*

Music: 'Enter Unhesitatingly Beloved' (Sufi - Saki Lee)

Floating Petals on Water

*‘May the warm sun shine upon us as it shines upon all beings,
without fear or favour:*

May the brightness of the green grass fill us with exultation.

May the sweet perfume of the flowers scent the place where we stand:

May the songs of the birds bring beauty to our souls.

*May we taste the fruit of understanding and wisdom,
so that we accept others as we wish to be accepted - just as we are:*

And Love, fresh and bright, renew our souls. So Be It.’

Walking Meditation Dance:

‘Come, Come, Whoever You Are’

(Rumi/Lynn Adair Ungar - No.188 in ‘Singing the Living Tradition’)

*Come, come, Whoever you are,
Wanderer, Worshipper, Lover of leaving,
On different paths, Yet we journey together,
Come, Yet again come.*

‘I celebrate you - just as you are’

A time for Sharing & Reflection (thoughts, poems, readings ...)

Notices

Song: ‘Moods of Summer’

(Sydney Henry Knight/Margaret W. Mealy)

*When the summer sun is shining, Over golden land and sea,
And the flowers in the hedgerow, Welcome butterfly and bee;
Then my open heart is glowing, Full of warmth for ev’ryone,
And I feel an inner beauty, Which reflects the summer sun.*

*When the light of summer sunshine, Streams in through the open door,
Casting shadows of tree branches, Living patterns on the floor;
Then my heart is full of gladness ,And my soul is light and gay,
And my life is overflowing, Like the happy summer day.*

*When the summer clouds of thunder, Bring the long awaited rain,
And the thirsty soil is moistened, And the grass is green again;
Then I long for summer sunshine, But I know that clouds and tears
Are a part of life's refreshment, Like the rainbow's hopes and fears.*

*When beneath the trees of summer, Under leafy shade I lie,
Breathing in the scent of flowers, Shelt'ring from the sun-hot sky;
Then my heart is all contentment, And my soul is quiet and still,
Soothed by whisp'ring lazy breezes, Like the grasses on the hill.*

*In the cool of summer evening, When the dancing insects play,
And in garden, street and meadow, Linger echoes of the day;
Then my heart is full of yearning, Hopes and mem'ries flood the whole
Of my being, reaching inwards, To the corners of my soul.*

Benediction

Music: 'Sun-i-ai Celebration' (Sikh - Snatam Kaur)



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