

A Gathering
at The Peepul Centre
Orchardson Avenue, Leicester

on Sunday 20th July 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 'Choice'

Organised by members of Leicester Unitarian Fellowship



Music: 'Dug Tson Ka Gok' (Tibetan - Dechen Shak-Dagsay)

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

Song: 'Song Of The Soul' (Cris Williamson)

*Love of my life I am crying, I am not dying, I am dancing,
Dancing along in the madness, There is no sadness,
Only a song of the soul*

*cho: And we'll sing this song, Why don't you sing along,
And we can sing for a long, long time,
Why don't you sing this song?, Why don't you sing along?
And we can sing for a long, long time*

*What do you do for a living? Are you forgiving, giving shelter?
Follow your heart, love will find you, Truth will unbind you,
Seek out a song of the soul*

cho:

*Come to your life like a warrior, Nothing will bore you, You can be happy,
Let in the light, it will heal you, And you can feel you and
Sing out a song of the soul*

cho:

*Short talk: 'Choice'
followed by a silent meditation.*

Reading: 'The Road Less Travelled' (Robert Frost)

Floating Petals on Water

Responsive Affirmation: ‘What do we Choose?’

If we must choose between judgement and compassion:

Let us choose compassion.

If we must choose between intolerance and acceptance:

Let acceptance come first.

If there is conflict between dogma and conscience:

Let us abide by our conscience.

If there is a contradiction between literal and spiritual interpretations of sacred texts:

Let spiritual understanding come first.

If tradition clashes with visionary new insights:

Let insight be our guide.

If an exclusive parochial religion vies with an inclusive planetary vision;

Let us choose to be part of the greater whole.

So Be It.

Walking Meditation Dance:

‘I Choose Life’ (Fire Transform Me - ALisa Starkweather)

Fire transform me, Bring me to my passion,

Fire transform me, Bring me to my passion,

I choose life (Yes!) I choose courage,

I choose life (Yes!) I choose courage,

To dance among the flames, To dance among the flames.

‘May your choices bring you joy!’

Story: ‘Kallisto - the apple of discord’

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

Notices

Song: 'Change' (W.Songsmith)

*The only constant in our lives is change,
The light and landscape shift from day to day,
In spite of all those gardens we arrange,
The wilderness will always have its say.*

*We dance with the change, and let the time flow through us,
It shows us different ways of living in the now,
With all that we have loved, With all that matters to us,
And all the jigsaw pieces that make us whole somehow.*

*Although we try to map the road ahead,
The real world turns our arrows into arcs,
That take us where we need to go instead,
Beneath our mind's horizon to our hearts.*

*We sing with the change, and let the days fly past us,
They show us how to learn the song of here and now,
We all play many roles, as life unfolds before us,
All voices in a chorus that makes us whole somehow.*

*As sure as daylight dapples into dream,
And dawn is birthed within the realm of night,
The flow of life will carry us downstream,
Through unlit depths and back towards the light.*

*We swim within the change, Its mighty current holds us,
Revealing all the wonder of what is here and now,
Our love and sorrows blend, as time and tide enfolds us,
Our journey to the ocean that makes us whole somehow.*

Benediction

Music: 'Sita Ram' (Hindu - Krishna Das)

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