

OPENING WORDS

“Your soul knows the geography of your destiny. Your soul alone has the map of your future, therefore you can trust this indirect, oblique side of yourself. If you do, it will take you where you need to go, but more important it will teach you a kindness of rhythm in your journey.”

— **John O'Donohue, *Anam Cara: A Book of Celtic Wisdom***

NEW DRIVERS CEREMONY

Getting a driver's license is a distinct, important, and life-changing milestone. A license to drive means freedom, but it also means responsibility, not unlike our UU Faith which emphasizes freedom of belief with responsibility for ourselves, for other people, and for the earth. A car expands our vision beyond our front door, helps us learn how to interact with many others, and offers us an unparalleled experience of the wider world.

A car is also a lethal weapon that requires our knowledge in how to use it properly, as well as our respect for the rules of the road that are meant to keep us all safe. Every time you sit behind the wheel and place the key in the ignition (or press the button, as the case may be), may you remember the great privilege and power which has been entrusted to you before you start the engine. The more careful and attentive you are, the more you will enjoy the many journeys that lay before you.

Today we would like to give you a special key chain with our flaming Chalice logo. It is to remind you of all that our UU heritage has taught you about freedom and responsibility. Please take it along with our love and blessing for safe travels and many wonderful adventures.

PRAYER

The Rev. Cynthia A. Frado

In the solitude of this moment,
Where the noise of our complicated lives
Meets the quiet comfort of the non-judgmental holy,
We breathe of the One Breath that sustains us all
For the journeys set before us.

In the gentleness of this moment,
We seek to calm the thoughts that labor over the past,
Obsess over the future,
And worry about the present.

In the promise of this moment,
May we breathe in peace and exhale stress,
Finding a renewed sense of well-being and purpose
For the work of our hands and our hearts.

Amen and Blessed Be

CLOSING WORDS

“In life, a person will come and go from many homes. We may leave a house, a town, a room, but that does not mean those places leave us. Once entered, we never entirely depart the homes we make for ourselves in the world. They follow us, like shadows, until we come upon them again, waiting for us in the mist.”

— Ari Berk, *Death Watch*

