

*First Parish Church of Groton, Unitarian Universalist*

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR LIGHTING THE CHALICE**

*Thank you for agreeing to light the chalice during worship this Sunday.*

**Some important reminders/guidelines for chalice lighting:**

1. Please keep it brief: A paragraph is ideal. *One double-spaced page is the maximum length.*
2. You are welcome encouraged to tie your chalice lighting in with the theme of the service whenever possible. Service themes are usually printed in the monthly church newsletter or you can check in with the minister or church office for up-to-date information on service themes. Your chalice lighting can be a poem, short reading or essay, original writing, song or even a sacred dance or mime! It should *not* be an announcement, editorial or “rant.” (While these things are often hard to define, we usually know them when we hear them! If you aren’t sure about something you would like to share, please consult with the minister.)
3. The Worship Committee asks that chalice lighters remain mindful that young children are present in the sanctuary during the chalice lighting and we ask you to avoid topics or words that could be inappropriate or upsetting for small children (explicit or graphic references to violence, for example). If you have any questions about this, again, please consult with the minister.

**Ushering at the wheelchair access door:**

We ask chalice lighters to serve an additional duty at Sunday service: distributing orders of service at the wheelchair access door.

1. Please arrive at church by 9:45 a.m.
2. Please open the two doors that constitute the wheelchair access area into the sanctuary; this is the area to the left of the high pulpit as you face the front of the church. There are two doors very close together: one opens into the sanctuary, the other opens into the hallway of the addition.
3. Orders of service will be located on the small table inside the sanctuary.
4. When the prelude concludes, please close the two doors. Your door duty is done and you are free to take your seat in the congregation!

If you have any questions about chalice lighting or door duty, please don’t hesitate to contact the church office at 978-448-6307 or [office@uugroton.org](mailto:office@uugroton.org).

Thank you!