



**Welcome**  
*to*  
**Sundown**  
**Celebration**  
**(Please put phones on silent)**



## **SEVEN PRINCIPLES:**

**We covenant to affirm  
and promote:**



## **SEVEN PRINCIPLES:**

- 1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person;**



## **SEVEN PRINCIPLES:**

**2. Justice, equity and  
compassion in  
human relations;**





**SEVEN PRINCIPLES:**

**3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;**



## **SEVEN PRINCIPLES:**

**4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;**



## **SEVEN PRINCIPLES:**

- 5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;**



## **SEVEN PRINCIPLES:**

**6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;**





## **SEVEN PRINCIPLES:**

**7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.**



# **PRELUDE: “A Beginning Song” by The Decemberists**



# Moment of Greeting

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Gather the spirit, harvest the power.

Our sep'rate fires will kindle one flame.

Witness the mystery of this hour.

Our trials in this light appear all the same.



Gather in peace, gather in thanks.

Gather in sympathy now and then.

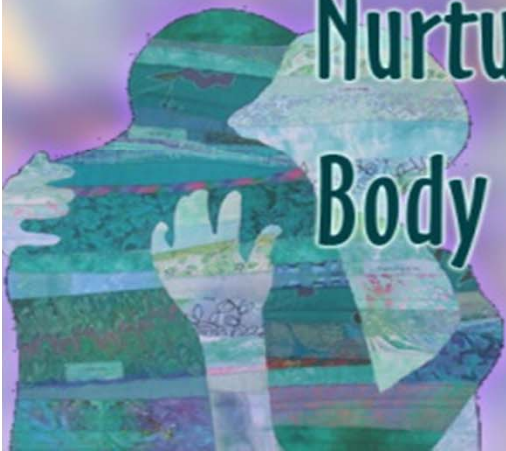
Gather in hope, compassion and strength.

Gather to celebrate once again.





Gather the spirit of heart and mind.  
Seeds for the sowing are laid in store.  
Nurtured in love, and conscience refined,  
Body and spirit united once more.



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Gather in sympathy now and then.  
Gather in hope, compassion and strength.  
Gather to celebrate once again.



Gather the spirit growing in all,  
Drawn by the moon and fed by the sun.  
Winter to spring, and summer to fall,  
The chorus of life resounding as one.





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## RESPONSIVE READING #466



**Let religion be to us life and joy.**

*Let it be a voice of renewing challenge to be the best we have and may be; let it be a call to generous action.*

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**Let religion be to us a dissatisfaction with things that are, which bids us serve more eagerly the true and right.**

## RESPONSIVE READING #466



*Let it be the sorrow that  
opens for us the way of  
sympathy, understanding,  
and service to suffering  
humanity.*

## RESPONSIVE READING #466



**Let religion be to us the  
wonder and lure of that  
which is only partly known  
and understood:**

## RESPONSIVE READING #466



*An eye that glories in  
nature's majesty and  
beauty, and a heart that  
rejoices in deeds of  
kindness and of courage.*



## RESPONSIVE READING #466



**Let religion be to us security  
and serenity because of its  
truth and beauty, and  
because of the enduring  
worth and power of the  
loyalties which it engenders;**

## RESPONSIVE READING #466



*Let it be to us hope and purpose, and a discovering of opportunities to express our best through daily tasks:*



## RESPONSIVE READING #466



**Religion, uniting us with all that is admirable in human beings everywhere;**

## RESPONSIVE READING #466



*Holding before our eyes a prospect of the better life for humankind, which each may help to make actual.*



**MEDITATION SONG: “Spread the Love Around”**  
adapted from a song by the Indigo Girls

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**What’cha gonna do with your  
able hands?**

**What’cha gonna do with your  
clever mind?**

**What’cha gonna do with your  
precious time?**

**Spread the love around**

**EXPLORATION:** *Letting Go*

**Mike Ludwick**

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**May I have the courage to let  
go of the things I need to  
The strength to hold on to the  
things I need to,  
and the wisdom to know the  
difference.**



## EXPLORATION SONG: "Let Go" by Brother Phelps



**Let go baby, let the wind blow  
through your hair.  
You can't walk around in chains  
and ever get nowhere.  
Something or someone is telling  
you it's over and done.  
Right here the free wind blows, let go.**

# JOYS AND SORROWS



**“Let It Be”**  
**by**  
**The Beatles**



**When I find myself  
in times of trouble  
Mother Mary comes to me  
Speaking words of wisdom  
Let it be**

**And in my hour of darkness  
She is standing  
right in front of me  
Speaking words of wisdom,  
let it be**

**Let it be, let it be**

**Let it be, let it be**

**Whisper words of wisdom,  
let it be**

**And when the broken hearted  
people**

**Living in the world agree**

**There will be an answer,  
let it be**

**For though they  
may be parted  
There is still a chance  
that they will see  
There will be an answer,  
let it be**

**Let it be, let it be**

**Let it be, let it be**

**There will be an answer,**

**let it be**

**Let it be, let it be**

**Let it be, let it be**

**Whisper words of wisdom,  
let it be**

**And when the night is cloudy**

**There is still a light that  
shines on me**

**Shine on until tomorrow,  
let it be**



**I wake up  
to the sound of music,  
Mother Mary comes to me  
Speaking words of wisdom,  
let it be**

**Let it be, let it be**

**Let it be, let it be**

**There will be an answer,**

**let it be**

**Let it be, let it be**

**Let it be, let it be**

**There will be an answer,**

**let it be**

**Let it be, let it be**

**Let it be, let it be**

**Whisper words of wisdom,  
let it be**

**(end)**

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