

## CHALICE LIGHTING

“Religiously minded persons, in common with all others, are being forced to a critical examination of their basic philosophy by the present world crisis. Conflict is universal. It is between nations and within nations. It is between groups and within groups. It reaches into every institution and every individual. Unless a person is hopelessly insulated against the stirring forces of our time, he must ask incisive and disturbing questions about values.

There is hardly such a thing today as a status quo, for cultural change is swift and extensive. Economic and political habits are being ruthlessly challenged; . . . .

A new conviction is emerging in regard to worship. the strains and stresses of a period of rapid change produce mental disorder and chaos unless there is an inviolate world with which we can hold communion.”

Once again this Sunday, we light this chalice to signify our gratitude for this place, this time, and these gathered people; for yet another chance to hold communion.