

# Chalice Lighting Words for Young Children



We come together to remind ourselves  
To treat all people kindly  
Because they are our brothers and sisters;  
To take good care of the earth  
Because it is our home;  
To live lives full of goodness and love  
Because that is how we will make our world  
The best place it can be.

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We light this chalice

As you say "light" use a flat palm to suggest a match box cover, and with the other hand pretend to light a match. As you say "chalice," cup your two hands together.

To celebrate Unitarian Universalism.

Hold up your left hand and then your right in the shape of a "U".

This is the church of the open mind.

As you say "church," cover your face with both hands. Then open them out on the word "open," as though your hands were hinged doors.

This is the church of the helping hands.

Hold both hands out in front of you, palms up, as though you were reaching out to hand someone a gift.

This is the church of the loving heart.

Cross your hands over your heart and give yourself a hug.

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We light our flaming chalice today for all persons in the world—  
whoever they are, and wherever they live,  
whether they are rich or poor, old or young, black or white or brown,  
for each person is special and wonderful;  
each person has (pointing to self) inherent worth!

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This is our circle  
Of chalice light,  
Where peace and love  
Are burning bright.  
A place for wonder,  
A place for fun.  
Welcome, welcome, everyone