

# Texts and Lyrics

First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto  
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## Chalice Lighting

Leader: As we light our chalice:

Congregation:

May its flame kindle within us  
the warmth of compassion  
the glow of love  
the fire of commitment  
and the light of truth.

## Hymn #163: “For the Earth Forever Turning”

For the earth forever turning,  
for the skies, for every sea,  
for our lives and all we cherish,  
sing we our joyful song of peace.

For the mountains, hills and pastures  
in their silent majesty,  
for the stars and all the heavens,  
sing we our joyful song of peace.

For the sun, for rain and thunder,  
for the seasons' harmony,  
for our lives, for all creation  
sing we our joyful song of peace.

For the world we raise our voices,  
for the home that gives us birth,  
in our joy we sing returning home  
to our blue green hills of earth.

## Our Covenant

Love is our doctrine. The quest for truth is our sacrament. And service is our prayer. To dwell together in peace, to seek knowledge in freedom, to serve life, to the end that all souls shall grow into harmony with the divine— thus do we covenant with each other and with all.

### **Centring Music #123: “Spirit of Life”**

Spirit of Life, come unto me.  
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.  
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;  
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.  
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;  
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

### **Song of Response**

There is a truth beyond our knowledge.  
There’s compassion beyond our pain.  
There’s a spirit burning brighter.  
There’s a love to guide our way.

### **Hymn #134: “Our World is One World”**

Our world is one world:  
what touches one affects us all:  
the seas that wash us round about,  
the clouds that cover us,  
the rains that fall.

Our world is one world:  
the thoughts we think affect us all:  
the way we build our attitudes,  
with love or hate, we make  
a bridge or wall.

Our world is one world:  
its way of wealth affect us all:  
the way we spend, the way we share,  
who are the rich or poor,  
who stand or fall.

Our world is one world:  
just like a ship that bears us all:  
whose fear and greed make many holes,  
but where our hearts can hear  
a different call.