

# **In Honor of Earth Day**

## **Opening words and Chalice lighting:**

The goal of life is living in agreement with nature.

*Zeno (335-264 BC)*

**Welcome and check-in** (A time to share what is on your mind in order to clear it and be in the present.)

## **Reading for discussion**

Now I see the secret of the making of the best persons. It is to grow in the open air and to eat and sleep with the earth.

*Walt Whitman*

The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely, or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quiet, alone with the heavens, nature, and God. Because only then does one feel that all is as it should be and that God wishes to see people happy amidst the simple beauty of nature.

*Ann Frank*

I would feel more optimistic about a bright future for man if he spent less time proving that he can outwit Nature and more time tasting her sweetness and respecting her seniority.

*E.B. White*

Thank God men cannot as yet fly and lay waste the sky as well as the earth.

*Henry David Thoreau*

## **Questions for discussion**

- How do you experience nature? What role does nature play in your life?
- What does Earth Day mean to you?
- What practices do you have to take care of the Earth?
- What can we do to be better stewards of the Earth?

**Check-out** (A time to share likes and wishes, such as “I like how we...” “I wish we would...”, or express how you felt about the group.)

## **Closing words and extinguishing the Chalice:**

I really wonder what gives us the right to wreck this poor planet of ours.

*Kurt Vonnegut Jr.*

***Thanks to everyone for their participation and commitment to our group!***