



TOUCHSTONES

Worship Resource Packet

Worship Resources for Hope

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2.1: *In a World Filled with Darkness* by Douglas John Traversa (48 words)

In a world filled with the darkness of ignorance, let us bring the light of reason

In a world filled with the darkness of despair, may we share the light of hope

In a world filled with the darkness of hate, let us shine the light of love

Source: <http://www.uua.org/worship/words/chalice-lighting/world-filled-darkness>

2.2: *Let there be light!* by Rev. Gordon B. McKeeman (43 words)

“Let there be light!”

Let it shine in dark places,

in moments of pain,

in times of grief,

in the darkness of hatred,

violence,

oppression,

where there is discouragement and despair.

Wherever darkness is to be put to flight,

“Let there be light!”

Source: <http://www.uua.org/worship/words/chalice-lighting/let-there-be-light>

2.3: *To face the world* by Rev. Lindsay Bates (49 words)

To face the world’s shadows, a chalice of light.

To face the world’s coldness, a chalice of warmth,

To face the world’s terrors, a chalice of courage.

To face the world's turmoil, a chalice of peace.
May its glow fill our spirits, our hearts, and our lives [with hope].

Source: <http://www.uua.org/worship/words/chalice-lighting/face-worlds-shadows>

2.4: *We Gather This Hour* Rev. Christine Robinson (37 words)

We gather this hour as people of faith
With joys and sorrows, gifts and needs.
We light this beacon of hope,
Sign of our quest for truth and meaning,
In celebration of the life we share together.

Source: SLT #448

2.5: *A Spark of Hope* by Melanie Davis (37 words)

If ever there were a time for a candle in the darkness,
this would be it.
Using a spark of hope,
kindle the flame of love,
ignite the light of peace,
and feed the flame of justice.

Source: <http://www.uua.org/worship/words/chalice-lighting/spark-hope>

2.6: *The chalice lit amongst us is a beacon* by Rev. Debra Faulk (48 words)

The chalice lit amongst us is a beacon
A beacon of hope, in a world in crisis
A beacon of possibility, made manifest in community
A beacon of warmth through our interconnections
A beacon of light illuminating our shared wisdom
A beacon of connection by our being together

Source: <http://www.uua.org/worship/words/chalice-lighting/chalice-lit-amongst-us-beacon>

2.7: *In the mystery of life about us there is light* by Rev. George Kimmich Beach (56 words)

In the mystery of life about us there is light.
It gives us a place to be, to grow, to rejoice together.
It opens the pathways to love.

In this place of friendship there is freedom.
Let the light we kindle go before us,
Strong in hope, wide in good will,
Inviting the day to come.

Source: <http://www.uua.org/worship/words/chalice-lighting/mystery-life-about-us-there-light>

2.8: *The light for everyone who comes into the world* by Rev. Elizabeth Strong (112 words)

Reverently I offer this symbol of our hope and high intent.
Reverently I bequeath this flame to you.
This is the light that is lit for everyone who comes into the world.
Bear this light to others, one by one.
Let the flame go from life to life till all is lit with its warmth.

Tell that the light means wisdom
Tell that the light means kindness
Tell that the light means understanding
Tell that the light means tolerance
Tell that the light means sacrifice
Tell that the light is a vision of a fairer world.

Tell that this is the light that is lit for everyone who comes into the world.

Source: <http://www.uua.org/worship/words/chalice-lighting/symbol-light-chalice-lighting>