

INTO ADULTHOOD- Adolescence and Teenage Years (- adapted from the session developed by Rev. Glenn H. Turner)

OPENING WORDS & CHALICE LIGHTING:

We come together to remind one another
To rest for a moment on the forming edge of our lives,
To resist the headlong tumble into the next moment,
Until we claim for ourselves awareness and gratitude,
Taking the time to look into one another's face
And see there communion: the reflection of our own eyes.
This house of laughter and silence, memory and hope,
Is hallowed by our presence together.

~Rev. Kathleen McTigue

PURPOSE: We come together to build connections and talk about what deeply matters to us.

CHECK IN: What you share may be about your physical or spiritual health, cares or concerns for loved ones, issues you are facing. What are you leaving behind to be here today?

READING OF GROUP COVENANT

FOCUS: Into Adulthood

Each person in the group speaks uninterrupted; if time remains, general response and conversation are welcome.

Quotes for Consideration

When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years.

~Mark Twain, 1874

Don't laugh at a youth for his affectations; he is only trying on one face after another to find a face of his own.

~Logan Pearsall Smith

So much of adolescence is an ill defined dying, an intolerable waiting, a longing for another place and time, another condition. ~Theodore Roethke

We began, last week, sharing our earliest years - up to the early teens. Today, we pick up with our stories about coming of age: about the perplexities of adolescence, about our early attempts to establish our identities, make our own relationships, decide on our life-work, and gain control over our own lives. Where did we conform? Where did we rebel? How did we take leave of our families? How did we find ourselves?

CONFIDENTIALITY CHECK AND CHECK OUT: Is there anything that you shared here today that you would like held confidential? Otherwise, this is a reminder that we treat each other's sharing with kindness and respect.

CLOSING WORDS:

“We thought we were running away from the grownups, and now we are the grownups.” Margaret Atwood

Next time we will talk more about the grownups we've become.