

Local Service of Universal Worship

October 29, 2017, 7PM, First Unitarian Church,

3205 Glendale Avenue, Toledo, OH 43614-2423



Participants from Universal Worship Service 9/10/2017

Judy Lee Trautman, Susan Modaraj, Devorah Shulamit, Rev. Joanna Gabriel, Dipti Vyas, Paul Laffartha, Tony Khoury Nadeem Khoury, Wafeek Khoury, Jennifer Hill, Lauraine Carpenter, Sara Tarana Jobin. Not pictured are Shamsuddin Waheed and Vandita Prasad.

The **Universal Worship Service** was created in 1921 by Inayat Khan, the Indian mystic, musician, and Sufi teacher who brought Universal Sufism to the west.

Candle lighting is followed by readings from the sacred texts of the traditions represented. The service will be led by Judy Lee Trautman and Sara Tarana Jobin, as well as readers and musicians from the traditions included.

Judy was ordained a *Cherag* to lead this worship in 2002. Sara recently encountered Universal Worship in Switzerland and was inspired to collaborate to bring it here. This will be our second local offering of the service. First Unitarian Church will be our gracious hosts. The first service was September 10, 2017, at Monroe Street United Methodist Church.

At a time when faith traditions are challenged to offer solidarity to one another in the face of hate, we feel it is important that we find ways to pray together, not to sacrifice the beauty of our own traditions, but to unite them in love for all. The service encourages people of diverse faiths to pray together, each in their own way, for peace and harmony in our community and in the world.

All are welcome to this free service.