

## Ritual words to open joys and sorrows

1. At this time in our service, we pause to reflect on our week. We recall the milestones, the joys, concerns, and sorrows, the changes in our lives; those who need our healing thoughts. Community is deepened by sharing with each other what is in our hearts.
2. <Minister> invites members to share their joys and concerns. There are no particular ritual words.
3. Now is the time to share our joys and concerns
4. The following is printed in our order of service each Sunday: (Please be mindful that this time is for sharing a significant personal milestone, or making a request for prayers or healing thoughts. There is a 5-7 minute limit for this part of the service. Please be brief. To save time please line up behind the microphone, say your name, and the Service Assistant will light your candle.) The Minister when present or the Service Assistant says the following to introduce j&s: "At this time in our service, we pause to reflect on our week. We recall the milestones, the joys, concerns, and sorrows, the changes in our lives; those who need our healing thoughts. Community is deepened by sharing with each other what is in our hearts. Anyone, including our youth, visitors or guests, may participate in Candles of Sharing. Please move now into the aisle if you wish to participate. When you come forward to the microphone, I will light your candle. Tell us your name and very briefly say what personal joy or concern or milestone has touched you this week."
5. sTandard call to share
6. "At this time in our service, we pause to reflect on our week. We recall the milestones, the joys, concerns, and sorrows, the changes in our lives; those who need our healing thoughts. Community is deepened by sharing with each other what is in our hearts.
7. An invitation to share personal significant milestones, joys, or concerns, open also to our visitors and guests
8. Now is the time we celebrate community with the sharing of celebrations and concerns.
9. it changes
10. Let us take a moment to share the joys & concerns...
11. Now is the time, etc.
12. As a spiritual community, it is our deepest intention to be authentically present to one another, especially in times of challenge and times of joy. One way we do this is by pausing in the Sunday service to listen to the life-changing personal milestones in our lives. If you have had such a milestone and you choose to share it aloud, now is the time to do so. Whether or not you come forward, if there is a significant joy or concern in your life, please take a few moments to fill out a J&C card, located in the pew rack and pass it in as the offering plates go by. Would those who have a J or C to share, please do so now.
13. a sorrow is shared and a joy is expanded
14. As a religious community we covenant to share our joys and concerns. If you have any heartfelt joys or concerns you would like to share I invite you to come forward, say your name into the microphone and share your joy or concern with the congregation and I will light a candle for you.
15. minister opens the floor to joys and concerns
16. We pause at this time to hold and honor the very personal joys and sorrows of the congregation. You are invited to come forward and light a candle, please repeat your name as you share with us what is near and dear to your heart.
17. Now is the time for sharing our personal joys & concerns, so that we can offer support to one another as we journey together as a faith community.
18. As I'm a seminarian I'm not on top of the present language to report it accurately. Basically the time is announced and brief guidelines are given.
19. the worship leaders use the ones that were developed before I got here, and I haven't changed them.
20. varies within a narrow range

21. Not enough space.
22. now is the time in our service when we offer our joys and our sorrows to one another, because joys shared can be magnified, and sorrows shared can be lessened.
23. Something like: Now is the time in our service where we share briefly our Joys and Concerns. Come forward if you'd like to share.
24. We bring our whole selves to this Sunday service. Some of us have had specific joys and sorrows in the past week. If you have a joy and concern come forward to the microphone, let us know your name and
25. We come now to a time of sharing the passages of our life that remind us how fully alive we are and how much we are blessed by this religious community. If you have a joy, sorrow or milestone to share
26. different for each service, minister composes when in pulpit
27. Invitation to silently light a candle of joy or concern during offering, and Minister plus Board Member each hold a lighting candle, passing it to next persons who approach. We use three aisles.
28. Now is the time in our service where the love that binds us together is spoken aloud. If you have a J or S that might bring a moment of hope or a measure of healing, please come forward, say your name
29. As is our custom, we speak the names of those we wish to celebrate, ask for healing and memorialize. I will speak some names and then invite you to add your own into this circle of compassion
30. words of invitation and purpose of the ritual
31. none; it varies
32. I don't know
33. see number 17 above
34. All of us hold within our hearts both joys and sorrows, some which we share aloud and some which we hold silently in our hearts. If you have come this morning with a deep concern or a joy for which you
35. ministerial opening
36. The words vary, depending on our minister.
37. This is the time we create each week to hold those moments of GREAT joy or sorrow that are too great to hold alone.
38. varies somewhat. We light a center oil lamp affirming the reality that this community embraces the joys and concerns in our lives.
39. I now invite you to come forward to light a candle and name your personal joy or sorrow...
40. It varies with the service leader (the minister does not always lead the service).
41. Now is the time when the love that binds us is spoken aloud.
42. same
43. It varies, but the minister often says take a deep breath and become fully present, and then inviting us to reflect on events that have touched us to the bone...
44. Minister opens with varying statements.
45. Take a deep breath, bring yourself fully present to this room, reflect on past weeks and days and hours, especially those that touch your spirit to the bone. If you want to bring such moments of prayer
46. Hymn (meditative mood)
47. Now is the time to share our personal
48. offer made to share "milestones" that give a joy or concern that you want to share
49. various
50. The sharing of our stories, our joys and sorrows, is the mortar that holds this community together.
51. Now is the time in the service when the love that binds us is spoken aloud. If you have a joy or concern that, by sharing with this caring congregation, might bring you a moment of happiness or a

52. I don't recall but we use something that sets the mood
53. different words or readings
54. "This is a caring congregation"
55. We invite you to share a joy, concern, or milestone in your life so we may know each other's lives more fully.
56. These are the "milestones" of our life journey. (abbreviated some)
57. Now is the time in the service when, if by sharing a joy or concern with this caring community, brings some comfort.
58. A few words to introduce and give instructions
59. vary - but written
60. Please come forward and.....
61. introduction by minister/speaker
62. Varies
63. Now is the time in our service to share our joys and concerns and milestones. In this way we contribute to the larger life that we create together. This is a time of heartfelt sharing of our lives.
64. At this special time you have the opportunity to share a special concern you many have ---then a special joy. The words are more carefully chosen than that but from memory that's the best I can do.
65. now is the time to share joys and concerns....
66. One of the ways we express the warmth and caring of this community is by sharing our joys, concerns, and milestones. If there's something going on in your life or in the larger community that you'd
67. One of the ways we proclaim the caring of this community is by sharing our joys, concerns & milestones; if there is something going on in your life or the wider community that you would like to share
68. It varies depending upon the worship leader
69. Now is the time for sharing Joys and Concerns.
70. now is our time of sharing joys and concerns
71. please speak the names of those for whom you have care and concern
72. Now is the time in our service where the love that binds us together is spoken aloud. If you have a joy or concern that by sharing with this caring community brings a measure of healing or a moment o
73. See answer to 26 below
74. "Now is the time . . . "