

CUUPS Samhain Ritual 2014

Circle leaders and participants: Mary, Holley Joy, Ruth, Helen, Lesley

(Holley: bring sage, Smudge shell or bowl, scrying mirror, tablecloths, photos of Ellen and Lynne, ancestor items and as many LED tea lights as can find.

Mary: bring Ancestor Mirror, Marigolds, Lantern and mementoes

Joy: will provide carved pumpkins to place in 4 directions.

Two alters will be set up. One in center of circle of chairs in courtyard and one in the West-Altar for Blessed Dead and Ancestors)

BY 6:00PM: *Drummers and singers invited to gather. Soft drumming maybe oming as people arrive*

Greet and smudge and Invite each person who arrives to place items on Ancestor Altar (Holley, Mary and helpers)

Welcome and state INTENTION: (Mary) Mary will recite her Samhain Poem (see below)

Tell people what we will do tonight – Holley (IE: create sacred space, workings etc)

Form Circle (Holley and Mary)

Call in Directions (Ruth “Eastern Morning”)

Cast Circle (“With this hand.....”) Mary

Songs to raise energy :

“Autumn Time” (Holley or Joy led)

“We all Come From the Goddess” (Helen)

Sharing of what placed on altar – Mary lead

Proceed to scatter memorial garden: Holley tells what we are doing next, Mary leads the procession w/ candle lantern. Holley is at the back with Lynne’s Spirit Drum and Helen plays frame drum.

In the Memorial Garden: Thank UU fore-mothers and fathers who paved the way to create this space for all paths and religions to be safe to practice.... Ellen Peterson, Bobby Heinrich, Lynne Davis, LeClaire Bissel (made LGBT safe) Holley

(Lesley will sing her favorite Samhain Song here)

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Return to courtyard.

Mary tells what we are doing and leads with the candle lantern

Rise Up and call Their Names- Call – Holley tells what we are doing now and starts the song. For all of those you wish to honor tonight....call out names

Silent meditation - What is our legacy. What can we leave to future generations? Mary leads and will play Spirit Drum.

Share (BRIEF!)

Cone of power – Lesley lead “We are One” (for each child that’s born....)
Send it out!

Thank and release Directions/Elements - Mary will speak this in simple way.

Close Circle with song “Merry Meet, Merry Part...”

Samhain Poem by Mary Murray:

Samhain

Ancient Celtic festival of the final harvest
A time of ingathering for the winter

We welcome back the itinerate shamen and warriors
Our snowbirds return to the tribe

Samhain

Ancestor of Halloween
Mystery stalks the night
The veil is thin between the worlds

Samhain

A time of remembering
Ancestors and departed friends

Samhain

The old year ends
The New Year begins
A time to ponder what new to grow

Samhain

Feast of abundance
Accompanied by our favorite musicians and singers
A rich tradition

Welcome to the annual Samhain service. We are delighted you are here.