

# Come Into the Circle

## Worshipping with Children

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“Thank you, Michelle Richards, for *Come Into the Circle*.”

—Barbara Hamilton-Holway, co-minister, Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, California



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