

Order of Service – December 27, 2020 – Unitarian Universalist Church West
“Getting Ready to Say ‘Goodbye 2020’”
with the Rev. Suzelle Lynch and Dave Cicero, DLRE

1. **Prelude** – “Sarabande” by Edvard Grieg; performed by Ruben Piirainen, Music Director
2. **Call to Worship and Welcome to “Getting Ready to Say ‘Goodbye 2020!’”** – Rev. Suzelle Lynch
3. **Singing Together Hymn# 1007** - “There’s a River Flowing in My Soul” Words & music by Rose Sanders, arr. Kenny Smith; Rev. Suzelle, vocals; Jennifer Nicolosi, Lead Music Director, piano

There's a river flowin' in my *soul. There's a river flowin' in my *soul. And it's tellin' me that I'm somebody. There's a river flowin' in my *soul.

* Replace "soul" with: heart, mind.

4. **Chalice Lighting** – UUCW Student Reid Possing, reader

From winter’s frozen stillness comes the sparkle of the snow.

From the empty chalice bowl comes the flame that fires our faith!

Stillness, like the held breath or the pause between heartbeats, is rarely more than a moment,

Yet it opens us to the timeless knowledge that forever is present in every moment.

It opens us to the knowledge that eternity is here, and now.

We light this chalice for the power and the beauty of Stillness.

5. **Worship for All Ages** – Dave Cicero, Director of Lifespan Religious Education

6. **Singing Together Hymn #350** - “The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time” Music is an African American spiritual adapted by Harry Burleigh, words by John Andrew Storey; Rev. Suzelle, vocals; Jennifer Nicolosi, piano

1. The ceaseless flow of endless time no one can check or stay; we'll view the past with no regret, nor future with dismay.
2. The present slips into the past, and dream-like melts away; the breaking of tomorrow's dawn begins a new today.
3. The past and future ever meet in the eternal now: to make each day a thing complete shall be our New Year vow.

7. **First Reading** – “The Way it Is” by William Stafford; Dave Cicero, reader

8. **Special Music** – “Keep on Strong Heart” by Libby Roderick; Daniel Wiebe, guitar and vocals

9. **Second Reading** – “Letting Go Over the Falls” by Rev. Richard Gilbert; Dave Cicero, reader

10. **Reflection** – “A Fine Mingling of Holding on and Letting Go” – Rev. Suzelle

11. **Meditation** - Getting Ready to Say ‘Goodbye 2020!’ – Rev. Suzelle

12. **Ritual Releasing** – Rev. Suzelle & Dave Cicero

13. **Singing Together Hymn #1024** - “When the Spirit Says Do” Words & music-African American spiritual, arr. Mark Freundt; performed by Ruben Piirainen, vocals and piano

You got to *do when the spirit says do! You got to do when the spirit says do! When the spirit says do, you got to do, oh Lord! You got to do when the spirit says do! [Spirit says do! (6x)]

* Replace "do" with other words: sing, dance, laugh, shout.

Return to “Do” for the last time.

14. **Offering Words and Offertory** – Elliot Zamzow, UUCW youth; Our Split the Plate partner organization for December is “Waukesha Free Clinic.”

15. **Benediction**

16. **Postlude** – “The Evening Star” by Felix Medelssohn; performed by Ruben Piirainen

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