

Order of Service – January 31, 2021 – Unitarian Universalist Church West

“Imbolc – Life is Stirring, Hope is Waking”

The EarthSpirit Team with Rev. Suzelle Lynch

1. **Prelude** – “Peace of the Woods” by Edvard Grieg; performed by Jennifer Nicolosi, Lead Music Director
2. **Welcome and Call to Worship** – the Rev. Suzelle Lynch
3. **Calling the Directions/Creating the Circle** - Melissa Musante and Steven White; video by Rev. Suzelle
4. **Unifying Chant – “Seeds are Stirring”** by Rev. Suzelle; performed by Sarah Stokes
5. **Introduction to Imbolc** – Amy Dedow
6. **Worship for All Ages** – “A Story for Brigit for Imbolc” by Starhawk; read by Philip Chard; video by Kelly Bognar, Publications Coordinator
7. **A Song for the Season** – “Imbolc” by Lisa Thiel; performed by Natalie Fleury and Kurt Gaetano; video by Kelly Bognar ***Please sing along!***
Lyrics will be on the screen.
8. **Seed-Stirring Ritual**
 - **Reading** – “A Seed Knows How to Wait” by Hope Jahren from “Lab Girl”; read by David Stokes
 - **Scratching the Seed** – Rev. Suzelle
 - **Seed Dance Meditation** – adapted from Pixi Pete and druidry.org; Michelle Guthrie, dancer; Kathy Bradshaw, reader; Music: “Appalachian Spring” by Aaron Copeland performed by Jennifer Nicolosi
9. **Offering Words and Offertory** – Kathy Bradshaw, EarthSpirit Team Leader, and Ann Heidkamp, Social Action Council Chair. ***Our Split the Plate partner organization for January is Maroon Calabash***
10. **Ritual of Intentions and Gratitude** – Rev. Suzelle, Eddee Daniel, and Kathy Bradshaw
 - **Brigit’s Cross**
 - **Singing Together – Hymn #403** “From You I Receive” by Joseph and Nathan
Words: From you I receive, to you I give, together we share, and from this we live!
11. **Taking Imbolc Home** – Rev. Suzelle, Eddee Daniel, and Kathy Bradshaw
12. **Releasing the Circle** – read by Melissa Musante and Steven White
13. **Grounding the Energy Chant** – “The earth, the air, the fire, the water” led by David Stokes
14. **Closing Words** – Rev. Suzelle
15. **Postlude** – “Spring Song” by Robert Schumann; performed by Jennifer Nicolosi

Chant: “Seeds are Stirring”

Seeds are stirring, stirring, stirring
Light is growing, growing, growing
Earth is turning, turning, turning
Hope is waking from her sleep
Hope is waking from her sleep

Hope is waking, waking, waking
Earth is breathing, breathing,
breathing

Seeds are dreaming, dreaming,
dreaming

Life is moving in the earth

Life is moving in the earth

Life is moving, moving, moving
Dreams are dancing, dancing,
dancing

Hope is singing, singing, singing

Seeds are stirring in the earth.

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