

Order of Service – October 10, 2021 -- Unitarian Universalist Church West “Queer is a Verb” with Rev. Denise Cawley

Welcome Everyone – It’s Good to Be Together! Please see the other side for:

Information about Unitarian Universalist Church West and our COVID-19 Safety Guidelines

Information for Newcomers and today’s Religious Education Information

- 1. Prelude** – "Heaven's Here On Earth" by Tracy Chapman; performed by Jennifer Nicolosi, Lead Music Director
- 2. Welcome and Call to Worship** – The Rev. Denise Cawley and Laurie Boddie, Board of Trustees
- 3. Chalice Lighting – Cultivating Relationship: Our Soul Matters Theme for October** – Dave Feil and Shawn Kalloway

(Please kindle your chalice at home and read along)

As we gather in this sacred hour,
let us open our hearts to those who share this faith with us,
whether we are together in person or in spirit.
For we are here because they are here --
There is no congregation without its members!
Our relationships with each another, with ourselves, and the sacred
are the chalice, the spark, and the flame
whose light calls us to ever widen the circle,
cultivating compassion with stranger, and neighbor, and friend.

- 4. Worship for All Ages** - "Julián is a Mermaid", by Jessica Love; told by Dave Cicero, Director of Lifespan Religious Education
- 5. Children’s Recessional** – “As you Go, May Joy Surround You” by Ruben Piirainen and Rev. Suzelle
- 6. Reading** - “**Radical Love: Introduction to Queer Theology,**” excerpt - **Patrick S. Cheng**
- 7. Reading** - “**Our Lives Matter: A Womanist Queer Theology,**” excerpt - **Rev. Dr. Pamela Lightsey**
- 8. Meditation - Inspired by Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray, and Joy Harjo in honor of Indigenous Peoples’ Day Hymn** – "We Are" by Ysaye Barnwell
- 9. Sermon** - “Queer is a Verb” by The Rev. Denise Cawley
- 10. Offering Words and Offertory** – Carey Balistreri, Split the Plate Committee member

Our Split the Plate partner organization for October is Peace Learning Center of Milwaukee.

Find out more: plcmke.org

To support UUCW & Split the Plate, text UUCW to 73256 - OR – go to uucw.org & click “Donate.”

You may also send a check to UU Church West – 13001 W North Ave, Brookfield, WI 53005

If you are attending the worship gathering in-person today – place your offering in the blue box at the Joys & Concerns / Donations Table. Envelopes are available at the table.

- 11. Benediction** – Rev. Denise Cawley
- 12. Postlude** – "Lush Life" by Billy Strayhorn; performed by Jennifer Nicolosi

Note that in honor of National Coming Out Day and Indigenous Peoples’ Day, all of today’s composers, authors and songwriters identify as LGBTQ, Black, Indigenous and/or people of color.

Following the service at 11:15am join Reverend Denise outside for a discussion of Queer Theology.

Welcome to Unitarian Universalist Church West
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Good Morning! At UU Church West we are a community of compassionate, inquisitive souls diverse in identity and beliefs who seek to grow spiritually, act for justice, care for each other and the earth. We're engaged in helping our children learn with open minds, and we work to dismantle structural racism and white supremacy culture within our organization. People from many different life paths worship, work, play, share and learn together here, and we celebrate people of all sexual orientations and gender identities and expressions. ***Are you new to UUCW? Join us in exploring life's deepest questions*** in this spiritually awake, supportive, and challenging community – ***send a message to visitor@uucw.org today*** – or fill out a Sharing Card at the Offerings/Joys & Concerns Table.

COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDELINES

We care very much about your health and safety. Please follow these guidelines.

- Please sign in (this helps with contact tracing, if needed).
- Wear a mask. We have some for you if needed.
- Please set your chairs 6' away from those not in your household or "bubble."
- Hand sanitizer is available in multiple locations.
- No hugging or handshakes please.
- One person at a time in restrooms.
- No singing, please, but humming behind your mask is ok!

FINDING A RESTROOM

Our single-stall, accessible restroom is on the main level, and can be reached via the elevator.

Follow the ramp down from West Entrance, and turn right into elevator lobby.

Gender-designated, multi-stall restrooms are on both the lower level and the main level. Please use the restroom that is most comfortable for you.

Diaper-changing stations are located in the single-stall accessible restroom on main level and the women's restroom on the lower level.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION

Religious Education (RE) classes give children & youth a chance to share in meaningful conversation and enjoyable real-time activities with their peers. Registering for RE (<http://uucw.org/children-and-youth-2>) assures you of receiving the most recent program updates. Contact Dave Cicero, Director of Lifespan Religious Education for more information: davec@uucw.org

Sunday RE Schedule

9:00 am – "Online RE" class for K-5 students on 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month, held via Zoom (register – see above – to receive the link).

10:00 am - "Group RE" for K-8 children & youth held weekly, outdoors and in-person, immediately following the "Worship for All Ages" segment of the service.

11:30 am - "YRUU" for high school youth held weekly, outdoors and in-person, on the West Lawn of UUCW. Young Religious UUs connect with peers around common themes and interests.

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