

Unitarian Universalist Church West – Order of Service – August 14, 2022
“When Everything is a Gift”

Pulpit Guest: The Rev. Rica Kaufel

Worship Leader: Steve Frey

1. **Prelude** – "By a Meadow Brook" by Edward MacDowell; performed by Ruben Piirainen, Music Director
2. **Welcome** – Kristin Busse, Board of Trustees Representative and Steve Frey, Worship Leader
3. **Call to Worship** – Rev. Rica Kaufel
4. **Hymn #1064** – "Blue Boat Home" by Peter Mayer; Jim Fischer, vocals; Ruben Piirainen, piano
5. **Chalice Lighting** – "For the Web of Life" by Paul Sprecher; read by Kristin Busse

(Please read along, and if you are joining us at home, feel free to kindle your chalice or candle.)

We light this chalice for the web of life which sustains us,

For the sacred circle of life in which we have our being,

For the Earth, the Sky, Above and Below, and

For our Mother Earth, and for the Mystery.

6. **Meditation** – “A Thanksgiving for the Elements” by Eric Williams - Steve Frey
7. **Reading** – “The Gift of Strawberries,” from *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer; read by Rob Zimmerman, Board of Trustees President
8. **Sermon** – “When Everything is a Gift” - Rev. Rica Kaufel
9. **Special Music** - "River" by Bill Staines; Sarah and David Stokes, vocals; Ruben Piirainen, piano
10. **Offering Words** – Kathy Herrewig, Split the Plate Committee Chair

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11. **Offertory Music** – "Improvisation" performed by Ruben Piirainen
12. **Benediction** – Rev. Rica Kaufel
13. **Closing Words** – Kristin Busse and Steve Frey
14. **Postlude** – "Tideline" by Barbara Higbie; performed by Ruben Piirainen