

# Unitarian Universalist Church West – Order of Service – November 27, 2022

## “Changing the Thanksgiving Story” The Rev. Julie Stoneberg & Dave Cicero

1. **Prelude** - "Prelude in B-flat Major, Op. 16, No. 2" by Clara Schumann, performed by Ruben Piirainen, Music Director
2. **Welcome** – Steve White, Board of Trustees Representative
3. **Singing Together #361** - “Enter, Rejoice, and Come In”
4. **Call to Worship** - “Giving Thanks and Exploring Suffering” by Myke Johnson” - Rev. Julie Stoneberg
5. **Chalice Lighting** - "The Abundance of Our Lives Together” by Katie Gelfand” – Steve White and Rev. Julie

*(Please read along; if you are joining us at home, you’re invited to kindle a chalice or candle there.)*

We light our chalice as a symbol of gratitude  
as we celebrate the abundance of our lives together.

In this sanctuary we harvest bushels of strength for one another,  
and offer our crop with the hands of compassion and generosity.

In the authentic and gentle manner of our connections,  
we cultivate a simple sweetness to brighten our spirits.

May we be grateful for the ways we nourish and uplift each other,  
For it is the sharing of this hallowed time together that sustains us.

6. **A Thanksgiving Conversation, Part I** – Rev. Julie and Dave Cicero, Director of Lifespan Religious Education
7. **Singing Together #349** “We Gather Together”
8. **A Thanksgiving Conversation, Part 2** – Rev. Julie and Dave Cicero
9. **Choral Anthem:** “If You’re Out There” by John Stevens, DeVon Harris, Kawan Prather, and Marcus Bryant, performed by the UUCW Virtual Choir with Hayley German Fisher, video director
10. **A Thanksgiving Story** - “The Thanksgiving Door” by Debby Atwell; read by Dave Cicero
11. **Offering Words** – Pat Rierson, Split the Plate Representative and Julie Brown, UUCW Member
12. **Offertory Music** – “Turning” by Bob Read, performed by Ruben Piirainen
13. **A Thanksgiving Conversation, Part 3** – Rev. Julie and Dave Cicero

### ***Our Split the Plate partner for November is Meta House. How to Give:***

**IN-PERSON:** Loose cash and contributions (checks/cash) labeled “split” will be shared this month’s Split the Plate partner organization

**ONLINE:** Text “UUCW” to 73256 - OR – go to [uucw.org](http://uucw.org) and click “Donate”

**MAIL:** Mail a Contribution to UU Church West – 13001 W North Ave, Brookfield, WI 53005

**14. Music for Reflection** – “Grateful” by John Bucchino, performed by Ruben Piirainen and Rev. Julie

**15. A Thanksgiving Ritual**

**16. Singing Together** “Oh, We Give Thanks” by Wendy Luella Perkins\*

Oh, we give thanks, for this precious day  
For all gathered here, and those far away  
For the time we share, with love and care,  
Oh, we give thanks, for this precious day.

Oh, we give thanks, for the earth's bounty  
That our blue-green home, gives all we need  
For these gifts we share, with love and care  
Oh, we give thanks, for the earth's bounty

**17. Benediction & Chalice Extinguishing** – “All That We Share Is Sacred” (abridged) by Andrée Mol -  
Rev. Julie

**18. Postlude** - “Thanksgiving” by George Winston, performed by Ruben Piirainen

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