

Unitarian Universalist Church West – Order of Service – December 18, 2022
“What Makes You Wonder?” **Worship Leader: Stephen Frey**

- 1. Prelude** – “When I Rise” written and performed by Lea Morris
- 2. Call to Worship** – “Suddenly Awake With Awe” by Rev. Gretchen Haley – Stephen Frey, Worship Ministry Team chair
- 3. Welcome** – Larry Hawley, Board of Trustees Representative
- 4. Chalice Lighting** – “The Wonder All Around Us” by Rev. Scott Tayler – Larry Hawley and Stephen Frey
(Please read along; if you are joining us at home, you’re invited to kindle a chalice or candle there.)

Look friends, to the sky,
to the stars that dance like fireworks overhead
this tiny globe on which we travel.
Look to the horizon, the tree line, the expanse of
wide-open fields,
to this living, breathing earth that makes our living
and breathing possible;
Look at the faces that surround you,
and notice what a wonder it is that we don't have
to walk this world alone.
All of it is a miracle. All of it deserves our awe.
May this light we now kindle
and this time we share,
illuminate the astonishing preciousness
of it all.

- 5. Singing Together #347** – “Gather the Spirit” by Jim Scott; performed by Ruben Piirainen
- 6. New Member Welcome** - Anne Deahl and Larry Hawley, Membership Committee Co-chairs

New Members: Deb Blackstone, Mollie Conrad, Denis Murray, Teresa Rupsch, Brenda Gerski, and Barb Holzhauser

Mission: Unitarian Universalist Church West is a congregation of adults, youth, and children diverse in identity and beliefs. We strive for honest, caring relationships that inspire and enable spiritual and ethical growth. We promote religious freedom and engage in a shared search for personal and collective meaning. We serve our larger world by practicing compassion and working for justice.

Congregational welcome: We welcome you to membership in Unitarian Universalist Church West. Our lives are made richer because you are here. May you find comfort and challenge in this community and help us to grow in harmony and understanding. May you learn and grow here; and help us to nurture compassion and action. May you find here deep friendship and take joy in the great work of the Unitarian Universalist community. Welcome!

7. Children's Recessional - "As You Go, May Joy Surround You" written by Piirainen/Lynch

As you go, may joy surround you. As you go, go in peace.
Know our love is with you always – As you go, as you go.

8. Meditation - "Winter Weather Meditation" by Rev. Jonalu Johnstone – Stephen Frey

9. Reading – excerpt from "The Power of Wonder" by Monica Parker – Mark Steinberg

10. Singing Together #323 – "Break Not the Circle," music by Tom Benjamin; words by Fred Kahn; performed by Natalie Fleury, vocals; Ruben Piirainen, piano

11. What Makes You Wonder?

"Interbeing" from 'Peace is Every Step' by Thich Nhat Hanh – Steve Frey

"Little Things: They're the Big Things" – Dave Cicero, Director of Lifespan Religious Education

12. Special Music – "Feels Like a Miracle" written and performed by Lea Morris

13. Offering Words – Petra Musante and Steve White

Our Split the Plate partner for December is Running Rebels. 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 and click "Donate"

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14. Offertory Music – "Invention in G Major" by Johann Sebastian Bach, performed by Ruben Piirainen

15. Benediction & Chalice Extinguishing - "Remembering That the Universe is Larger" by Marjorie Newlin Leaming – Stephen Frey

16. Postlude - "Rigaudon" by Andre Campra, performed by Ruben Piirainen

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