

# Unitarian Universalist Church West – Order of Service – January 15, 2023

“The Center of Beloved Community”

The Rev. Julie Stoneberg

- 1. Prelude** – “Use My Voice” by Evanescence - performed by Kaleidoscope. Today’s band members include Kurt Gaetano, Joel Harris, Linda Meurer, Deb Ruesch, and Daniel Wiebe.
- 2. Call to Worship** – “A Place of Belonging and Caring” by Kimberlee Anne Tomczak Carlson – Rev. Julie Stoneberg
- 3. Welcome** – Steve White, Board of Trustees Representative
- 4. Chalice Lighting** – “Sabbath Home” by Kathleen McTigue – Steve White and Rev. Julie  
*(Please join in reading responsively; if you are joining us at home, you’re invited to kindle a chalice or candle there.)*

Here in the refuge of this Sabbath home  
we turn our busy minds toward silence,  
and our full hearts toward one another.

*We move together through the mysteries of this life:  
the bright surprise of birth and the shadowed unknowns of death.*

In our slow walk between the two we will be wounded;  
and we will be showered with grace, amazing, unending.

*Even in our sorrows, we feel our lives  
cradled in holiness we cannot comprehend,*

And though we each walk within a vast loneliness,  
the promise we offer here is that we do not walk alone.  
This is a holy space in which we gather –  
the light of the earth brought in and held,  
touched then by our answering light:

*the flame of a chalice,  
the flicker of a candle,  
the lamps of our open faces brought near.  
In this space of silence and celebration, solemnity and music,  
we make a sanctuary and name our home.*

- 5. Singing Together #1017** – “We Are Building a New Way”
- 6. Story for All Ages** – “A Bus Called Heaven” by Bob Graham – Dave Cicero, Director of Lifespan Religious Education
- 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. Community Building | Joys and Concerns** - Rev. Julie  
"To a White Rose" by Florence Price, performed by Ruben Piirainen, video by Kelly Bognar

***Our Split the Plate partner for January is The Women’s Center of Waukesha. 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

9. **Prayer/Meditation** - “For All That Is Our Life” by Liz Weber - Rev. Julie
10. **Reading** - “The Beloved Community” (excerpts) ~ *The King Center* - read by Tom Kruse
11. **Singing Together #95**- “There is More Love Somewhere”
12. **Message** - “The Center of Beloved Community” – Rev. Julie
13. **Offering Words** – Kathy Herrewig, Split the Plate Committee Chair
14. **Offertory Music** – “Take It from Dr. King” by Pete Seeger – performed by Kaleidoscope
15. **Reading** – “Surviving Together” by Kate Landis – Rev. Julie
16. **Singing Together** – “Where You Go” by Shoshana Jedwab (words printed below in box)
17. **Benediction & Chalice Extinguishing** – ”Drawn Together“ by Jenn Gracen – Rev. Julie
18. **Postlude** – “A Change Is Gonna Come” by Sam Cooke - performed by Kaleidoscope

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## WELCOME TO UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH WEST

- **Welcome** – to a place to grow in mind, heart and spirit—a place to find companionship on your quest for truth.
- **Welcome** – to a congregation where there is a place for you—in worship, in small groups, in fun activities, in teams that act for justice, and in religious education classes for children, youth, and adults.
- **Welcome** – to this **Green Sanctuary church**—where we teach sustainability and live gently upon the sacred earth, to this **Welcoming Congregation**— where we celebrate the lives and equal rights of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning people, to this congregation which affirms and works to support **Black Lives Matter** and is a **Peace Advocacy Congregation**.
- **Welcome** – to a centuries-old yet ever-new faith that draws from sources as diverse as the world’s religions, humanist philosophy, the teachings of science, the ancient practices of earth-centered religions—a faith historically rooted in liberal Christianity that has branched out widely into the mystery and wonder and knowledge of the world.
- **Welcome** – to a free, inclusive and reasoned faith—we’re glad you’re here.

**Learn more about UU Church West** – When you fill out a yellow Welcome Form, we will send you our weekly electronic newsletter. Or visit our website: [www.uucw.org](http://www.uucw.org) or email us at [visitor@uucw.org](mailto:visitor@uucw.org)

### **For your comfort during the service:**

- If you need to take a break during the service – take advantage of today’s opportunity to walk the labyrinth in our Community Room.
- If a young child with you becomes squirmy, no worries! We welcome their movement and voices! If you’d like, there is childcare available – simply ask an usher for assistance. Or feel free to make use of the activity table near the front of the sanctuary.
- Chair cushions are available from the ushers.
- Restrooms, including an all-inclusive family restroom, are located off the foyer.
- Please put your phone in Worship Mode (ringer and alerts off)

**“Where You Go”** by Shoshana Jedwab  
(used with permission)

<http://www.shoshanajedwab.com/whereyougosingle>

Where you go, I will go, Beloved\*  
Where you go, I will go (Repeat 2 lines)

Where you lie, I will lie, Beloved\*  
Where you lie, I will lie. (repeat 2 lines)

And your people are my people  
Your people are mine  
Your people are my people  
Your divine, my divine. (repeat 4 lines)

\*Refugee/ Mother Earth/ Children/ Ancestors