

## Unitarian Universalist Church West - Order of Service - March 6, 2023

“The Joy of Being Human”

The Rev. Julie Stoneberg

1. **Prelude** – “Winter Waltz” by Masanori Takahashi (Kitarō) - performed by Ruben Piirainen
2. **Call to Worship** – “Intentions and Trust” by Amy Lloyd – Rev. Julie Stoneberg
3. **Welcome** – Lynn Kapitan, Board of Trustees member
4. **Chalice Lighting** – #529 “The Stream of Life” by Rabindranath Tagore – Lynn Kapitan and Rev. Julie  
(Please join in reading; if you are joining us at home, you’re invited to kindle a chalice or candle there.)
  - L:** The same stream of life that runs through my veins night and day runs through the world and dances in rhythmic measures.
  - C:** It is the same life that shoots in joy through the dust of the earth in numberless blades of grass and breaks into tumultuous waves of leaves and flowers.
  - L:** It is the same life that is rocked in the ocean-cradle of birth and death, in ebb and in flow.
  - C:** I feel my limbs are made glorious by the touch of this world of life. And my pride is from the life-throb of ages dancing in my blood this moment.
5. **Singing Together** - #367 “Allelu, Allelu” - traditional
6. **Story for All Ages** – “Is There Really a Human Race?” by Jamie Lee Curtis– 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. **New Member Welcome Ceremony** – Anne Deahl and Rev. Julie
  - 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!
9. **Pledge Drive Testimonial**
10. **Joys and Concerns** - Rev. Julie
11. **Music for Meditation** - “Andante (From Symphony no. 6)” by Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, performed by Ruben Piirainen
12. **Reading** – “Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front” by Wendell Berry - read by Louise VerWert

13. **Message** – “The Joy of Being Human” – Rev. Julie
14. **Sung Response** – #376 “Sing Loudly ’til the Stars Have Heard”
15. **Offering Words** – Kathy Lake, Split the Plate Committee
16. **Offertory Music** – “Serenity of the Heart” by Martha Mier – performed by Ruben Piirainen
17. **Spoken Covenant** - “Aspiration”

May love be the spirit of this church  
 May the quest for truth be its sacrament and service be its prayer  
 To dwell together in peace, to seek knowledge in freedom  
 and to help one another in fellowship.  
 This is our aspiration.

18. **Singing Together** – #368 “Now Let Us Sing” - traditional
19. **Benediction & Chalice Extinguishing** – “Go Boldly” by Jean M. Olson – Rev. Julie
20. **Postlude** – “Groovin’ High” by Dizzy Gillespie - performed by Ruben Piirainen

***Our Split the Plate partner for  
 March is Vivent Health.***

***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

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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 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)

**If you'd like to share a Joy or Concern**, you may fill out a yellow Sharing Card at the table on the North Ave side of the Sanctuary. Or go to <https://bit.ly/Joys-Concerns> and choose whether you'd like them shared in our weekly e-news or shared privately with Rev. Julie.