

## Unitarian Universalist Church West – Order of Service – March 26, 2023

### “The Rights of Nature”

Guest Speaker: Anahkwet (Guy Reiter)

Worship Leader: Eddee Daniel

1. **Prelude** – “Dancing Song” – Menominee song as recorded by We’sawa’nakwût (Peter Fish, d. Nov. 8, 1927), performed by Ruben Piirainen, Director of Music, piano
2. **Opening Words** – Eddee Daniel, Worship Leader
3. **Welcome / Introduction of Guest** – Lynn Kapitan, Board of Trustees member and Eddee Daniel
4. **Singing Together** - #163 - “For the Earth Forever Turning” by Kim Oler & Nick Page, led by Ruben Piirainen
5. **Chalice Lighting** – “- Eddee Daniel and Lynn Kapitan
6. **Story for All Ages** – “Only a Tree Knows How to Be a Tree” by Mary Murphy, read by Dave Cicero, Director of Lifespan Religious Education
7. **Love Letters** - Almuth Soffee and Kathy White
8. **Music Interlude** - “Dream Song Concerning the Sun” – Menominee song as recorded by A’djiki (John Ca’wûni’pînas’, d. Feb. 5, 1926), performed by Ruben Piirainen
9. **Reading** – “The Rights of Nature” by David R. Boyd – read by Debra Stevens
10. **Message** – “The Rights of Nature” – Guy Reiter
11. **Offering Words** – Lynn Kapitan
12. **Offertory Music** – “Flowers on the Water” by Kostia, performed by Ruben Piirainen
13. **Singing Together** – #27 – “I am that Great and Fiery Force” by Hildegard von Bingen & Josquin Desprez, led by Ruben Piirainen
14. **Closing Words** – Eddee Daniel
15. **Postlude** – “High Plains” by Philip Aaberg, performed by Ruben Piirainen

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March is Vivent Health.  
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- **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.

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### **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)

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