

Unitarian Universalist Church West – Order of Service – May 14, 2023

“Born with a Beginner’s Mind”

The Rev. Julie Stoneberg

1. **Prelude** – “The Arts and the Hours” by Jean-Phillipe Rameau, arr. Ruoshi Sun - performed by Ruben Piirainen, Music Director
2. **Welcome** – Larry Hawley, Board of Trustees Representative
3. **Call to Worship** – Rev. Julie Stoneberg
4. **Chalice Lighting** – “As We Await a New World” by Melissa Jeter - Larry Hawley and Rev. Julie
(Please join in reading; if you are joining us at home, you’re invited to kindle a chalice or candle there.)

We light this chalice today to illuminate our way toward Love.

Inside the womb of this waiting time,

we are bathed in sounds,

floating in love,

growing out of our comfort zone.

We experience love, sorrow, pain, and joy.

There is a numinous quickening

as we await a new world yet unborn.

5. **Singing Together** #1024 “You Got to Do When the Spirit Says Do”
6. **Story for All Ages** – “The Everything Seed” by Carole Martignacco - read by Scott Kopischke
7. **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. Joys and Concerns

9. **Prayer** - “There is Light” (adapted) by Eric Williams – read by Rev. Julie

10. **Special Music** – “Roots & Wings” by Teena Clark & Greg Wells, arr. E. Lojeski – performed by UUCW Virtual Choir, edited by Hayley German Fisher

11. **Reading** – “Creation is Messy” by Laurel Mendes - read by Larry Hawley

12. **Message** – “Born with a Beginner’s Mind” - Rev. Julie

13. Interlude

14. **Offering Words** – Larry Hawley

15. **Offertory Music** – “Vincent (Starry Starry Night)” by Don McLean, arr. Lorie Line - performed by Ruben Piirainen

16. **Reading** “Blessed are the Makers” by Marcus Liefert - read by Scott Kopischke

17. **Singing Together** #1051 “We Are”

18. **Closing Words** – “Let us sing the magic of imagination” by Susan L Van Dreser – Rev. Julie

19. **Postlude** - “Sonata in E Major” by Marianne von Martinez – performed by Ruben Piirainen

Our Split the Plate partner for May is Peace Action Wisconsin.

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

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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)

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.

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