

Unitarian Universalist Church West – Order of Service – May 21, 2023

“The Church of What We Know”

Pulpit Guest: Peter Mayer

Worship Leader: Eileen Gleeson

1. **Prelude** – “Manhã de Carnaval” by Luiz Bonfá - performed by Ruben Piirainen, Music Director
2. **Welcome** – Steve White, Board of Trustees Representative
3. **Call to Worship** “Come ye into this house of worship!” by Elizabeth A Parish – Eileen Gleeson
4. **Chalice Lighting** – by Marnie Singer – Steve White and Eileen Gleeson
(Please join in reading; if you are joining us at home, you’re invited to kindle a chalice or candle there.)

The chalice is the container—
the space where the musicians and the listeners gather.
The oil is the fuel—
the hours of practice and the life experiences of everyone in the room.
The wick is the instruments and vocal cords
through which the music will flow.
And the flame—the flame!—
is the music which is created, as if by magic,
when the instruments are lifted,
the breath is inhaled,
and the downbeat is nodded.
May this flame ignite the music within us all!

5. **Singing Together** – Hymn #1064 "Blue Boat Home" by Peter Mayer, Roland Prichard, Jason Shelton
6. **Story for All Ages** – “Child of the Universe” by Ray Jayawardhana - Milo Eull
7. **Recessional** - “As You Go, May Joy Surround You” written by Piirainen/Lynch – led by Jim Fischer
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. **Special Music** – “Everybody In” by Peter Mayer – Peter mayer and the UUCW Adult Choir and Peter Mayer
9. **Reading** – excerpt from Pete Seeger from a PBS “American Masters” interview – Eileen Gleeson
10. **Message** – “The Church of What We Know” - Peter Mayer
11. **Offering Words** – Steve White
12. **Offertory Music** – “If You Could See Me Now” by Tad Dameron, arr. Marian McPartland - performed by Ruben Piirainen
13. **Special Music** – “Church of the Earth” by Peter Mayer – Peter Mayer and the UUCW Adult Choir
14. **Closing Words**
15. **Postlude**

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

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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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 or email us at 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.

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