

Unitarian Universalist Church West – Order of Service – May 28, 2023

“Out of the Ashes”

The Rev. Julie Stoneberg

1. **Prelude** – “The Phoenix” by Lindsey Stirling, arr. David Russell - performed by Ruben Piirainen, Music Director
2. **Welcome** – Jeannie Baker, Board of Trustees Representative
3. **Call to Worship** “Let the Alleluias Rise Up” (excerpted and adapted) by Ellen Cooper – Rev. Julie Stoneberg
4. **Chalice Lighting** – #680 (adapted) by Barbara Pescan - Jeannie Baker and Rev. Julie
(Please join in reading; if you are joining us at home, you’re invited to kindle a chalice or candle there.)

Because of those who came before, we are;
in spite of their failings, we believe;
because of, and in spite of the horizons of their vision,
we, too, dream.

As we gather, let us remember to praise, to live in the moment,
to love mightily, and to bow to the mystery.

5. **Singing Together** – #1074 “Turn the World Around”
6. **Story for All Ages** – “Ish” by Peter Reynolds - Dave Cicero, Director of Lifespan Religious Education
7. **Reading** – “Both the Burning and the Light” by Sean Parker Dennison – read by Natalie Fleury
8. **Ritual of Remembrance** (based on a ritual by Mary Gear) – Rev. Julie
9. **Singing Together** - #337 “Have I Not Known”
10. **Message** – “Out of the Ashes” - Rev. Julie
11. **Interlude**
12. **Offering Words** – Jeannie Baker
13. **Offertory Music** – “Smoke Gets in Your Eyes” by Jerome Kern - performed by Ruben Piirainen
14. **Reading** - “I Will Lift up My Voice” by Robert T Weston – Read by Laurie Boddie
16. **Singing Together** - “We Are Rising Up”

We are rising up like a phoenix from the fire
Siblings in spirit spread your wings and fly higher! (x2)

We are rising up... We are rising up...
We are rising up... We are rising up.

15. **Closing Words** – “We cast not our eyes below” by Ma Theresa
"Tet" Gustilo Gallardo – Rev. Julie
16. **Postlude** - “Finale (from *The Firebird*)” by Igor Stravinsky - performed by Ruben Piirainen

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May is Peace Action Wisconsin.
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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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