

Unitarian Universalist Church West – Order of Service – July 30, 2023

“First Fruits”

Rev. Julie Stoneberg, Melissa Musante and the EarthSpirit Team

1. **Prelude** – “Bahay Kubo,” a traditional melody from the Philippines, arr. C. Norton - performed by Ruben Piirainen, Music Director
Bahay Kubo is about a *nipa hut*, a small cube-shaped building constructed from nipa (palm) leaves and bamboo and the many varieties of foods which are traditionally grown around it.
2. **Invocation** – Rev. Julie and Karen Engelking
3. **Welcome** – Kathy White, Board of Trustees Representative
4. **Singing Together** - #277 “When We Wend Homeward,” words from Psalm 126 set to an American folk song, arr. Annabel Morris Buchanan - Solstice Singers, with voices from UUCW, LCUUC, UUUC, and FUS-Milwaukee
5. **An Introduction to Lammas** - Melissa Musante and Eddee Daniel
6. **Chalice Lighting** – Kathy White and Melissa Musante
7. **Casting the Circle and Lighting the Chalice** – Rev. Julie and the Earth Spirit Team
Congregational Response: “I give gratitude for all that is offered to me.”
(Please join in reading; if you are joining us at home, you’re invited to kindle a chalice or candle there.)
Spirit: I honor and call the spirit, the light within and without. The spark of creativity, of love, and of all life.
I give gratitude for all that is offered to me.
8. **Singing Together** – #19 “The Sun that Shines” by Dimitri Bortniansky, John Andrew Storey, & David Dawson
9. **Reading** - “All Bread” by Margaret Atwood - Rev. Julie
10. **Meditation on Gratitude** - Melissa
11. **Singing Meditation** - #82 “This Land of Bursting Sunrise” by John Haynes Holmes & David Hurd
12. **Offering Words** – Kathy White
13. **Offertory Music** – Improvisation performed by Ruben Piirainen
14. **A Bread Message through Ritual** - Rev. Julie
15. **Music** - “Baking Bread” by Michael Kennedy – Solstice Singers
16. **Joys & Concerns** - Rev. Julie
17. **Reading** - “On Teaching” by Kahlil Gibran – Eddee Daniel
18. **Chant** “The Earth, the Air, the Fire, the Water” – Solstice Singers
19. **Closing Words** – Rev. Julie
Stomp Stomp Stomp
20. **Postlude** - “Ginger Bread Boy” by Jimmy Heath, performed by Ruben Piirainen

Our Split the Plate partner for July is Our Space, Inc.

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”

MAIL: Mail a Contribution to UU Church West – 13001 W North Ave, Brookfield, WI 53005

Today's Earth Spirit Team members: Melissa Musante, Steven White, Petra Musante, Eddee Daniel, Karen Engleking.

Today's Solstice Singers

Unitarian Universalist Church West: Cathy Murphy, Gina Barton, Carl Rosine, Randi Kreger, Susan Endes and Ruben Piirainen

Lake Country Unitarian Universalist Church: Tracy Moraine and Tristan Strelitzer

United Unitarian Universalist Congregation: Maria O'Connor

First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee (bonus congregation!): Kathy Porter and Bob Porter

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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 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.
- Large Print Order of Service and Hymns as well as Assisted Listening Devices (ALDs) are available in the foyer outside the Sanctuary doors.
- Chair cushions are available from the ushers.
- Restrooms, including an all-inclusive family restroom which offers a baby changing station, are located off the foyer.
- Please put your phone in Worship Mode (ringer and alerts off)