

# Unitarian Universalist Church West – Order of Service – August 20, 2023

“Open Minds | Closed Doors”

The Rev. Julie Stoneberg

1. **Prelude** – “Change” by Emma’s Revolution - performed by Kaleidoscope Band. Today’s band members include Natalie Fleury, Linda Meuer, Daniel Wiebe, Kurt Gaetano and guest Ken Schellhase.
2. **Welcome** – Erich Zuern, Board of Trustees Representative
3. **Opening Words** - “Letting Go” (adapted) by Jay Wolin - Rev. Julie Stoneberg
4. **Chalice Lighting** – “In This Sacred Space” by Cheryl Block – Erich Zuern and Rev. Julie  
*(Please join in reading; if you are joining us at home, you’re invited to kindle a chalice or candle there.)*  
Leader: In this sacred space  
**People:** Let us be still in the quiet.  
Leader: In this sacred space  
**People:** Let our hearts open as a butterfly’s wings.  
Leader: In this sacred space  
**People:** May the glow of this light shine within us.
5. **Story for All Ages** “The Koala Who Could” by Rachel Bright – read by Dave Cicero
6. **Singing Together** - #128 “Love Will Guide Us“  
*(During the 3<sup>rd</sup> verse, elementary and middle-school aged students wanting to join RE programming are invited to follow the lantern out.)*
7. **Spoken Meditation** - “Prayer for This Church” by Nancy Shaffer – Rev. Julie
8. **Joys and Concerns** – Rev. Julie
9. **Sung Meditation** - #1013 ”Open My Heart”
10. **Reading** – “Speaking to the Locks” (excerpts) by Meg Barnhouse – read by Scott Kopischke
11. **Message** – “Open Doors, Closed Minds” - Rev. Julie
12. **Singing Together** - "I am Willing" by Holly Near
13. **Offering Words** – Erich Zuern
14. **Offertory Music** – “The Thread” - written and performed by Kaleidoscope
15. **Reading** - “Open Up the Doors” by Lindasusan Ulrich – read by Scott Kopischke
16. **Singing Together** - #1017 “We Are Building a New Way”
17. **Closing Words** – “Prayer for This Church” (reprise) by Nancy Shaffer – Rev. Julie
18. **Postlude** – “Everybody In” by Peter Mayer – performed by Kaleidoscope

***Our Split the Plate partner for August 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.

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## **I Am Willing**

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[Chorus] I am open and I am willing, for to be hopeless would seem so strange.

It dishonors those who go before us, so lift me up to the light of change.

There is hurting in my family, there is sorrow in my town.

There is panic all across the nation, and there is wailing the whole world round.

[Chorus]

[Verse 2]

May the children see more clearly, May the elders be more wise.

May the winds of change caress us, even though it burns our eyes.

[Chorus]

Give me a mighty oak to hold my confusion, give me a desert to hold my fears.

Give me a sunset to hold my wonder, give me an ocean to hold my tears.

But I am open and I am willing, for to be hopeless would seem so strange.

It dishonors those who go before us, so lift me up to the light of change

The full lecture from which today's message is extracted can be found at:  
<https://bit.ly/45QmmJR>



### **THANK YOU TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:**

Ushers: Mary Ross, Mike Wahlen, Stephanie Wahlen, and Lee Huempfer

Greeters: Julieann Gaetano and Susan Foley

Coffee Volunteers: Susan Barbian and Beth Zaretzke

Table Decoration: Jeanne Jarecki

Today's Staff Sound Technician: Miles Bogner