

Unitarian Universalist Church West – Order of Service – September 10, 2023

“The Song that Calls Us Home – Water Ingathering Service”

Rev. Julie Stoneberg

1. Prelude – "Awaken" written and performed by Kaleidoscope
Today's band members include Natalie Fleury, Kurt Gaetano, Jess Hamel, Joel Harris, Deb Ruesch, and Dan Weibe

2. Welcome – Kristin Busse, Board of Trustees Representative

3. Singing Together - #361 “Enter, Rejoice, and Come In”

4. Call to Worship - “Call from Beyond” by Susan Maginn“ – Rev. Julie

5. Chalice Lighting – “The Spirit of Water” by Katie Gelfand - Kristin Busse and Rev. Julie
(Please join in reading responsively; if you are joining us at home, you're invited to kindle a chalice or candle there.)

L: We light this chalice as a symbol of reunion.

C: We reunite to share the flow of our hearts with one another.

L: We gather together in ritual

C: to celebrate our fountains of joy

L: to hold each other through storms of grief

C: to guide one another through rapids of transformation

L: to rest together on ponds of stillness.

All: Together, we honor the spirit of water, its many forms, and its life-giving essence.

6. Meditation to Prepare - “The Strength of Water” by Jamila Batchelder, Molly Housh Gordon

7. Story for All Ages - “The Song that Called Them Home” by David Robertson – Dave Cicero, Director of Lifespan Religious Education

Part I - The Waters of Joy and Adventure

Part II - The Waters of Grief, Loss, and Upheaval

“Stay Here” adapted from a Cree song, melody by Ruben Piirainen, sung by Kaleidoscope

Part III - The Waters of Stillness, Belonging and Home

“Come Back” adapted from a Cree song, melody by Ruben Piirainen; sung by the congregation

Come back! The sun is falling!

The soft white light will help you see!

Come back, the moon is calling!

How beautiful the night can be!

Way-oh, hey, hey (4x)

Come back! You've been gone so long!

What places have you found to roam!

Come back! Hear my welcome song!

My beating drum will guide you home!

Way-oh, hey, hey (4x)

8. **Special Music** – "Home" by Phillip Phillips; performed by Kaleidoscope
9. **Water Ceremony** – Rev. Julie Stoneberg
Music from MixKit.com
10. **Offering Words** – Kathy Lake, Split the Plate Representative and Denise Schamens, Co-founder of Good Friends, Inc.
11. **Offertory Music** – "Room at the Table" by Carrie Newcomer, performed by Kaleidoscope
12. **Reading** – "Map of the Journey in Progress" by Victoria Safford - read by Mark Steinberg
13. **Merging the Waters** - Rev. Julie
14. **Singing Together** - #1064 "Blue Boat Home"
15. **Closing Words & Chalice Extinguishing** – "All Rivers Run to the Sea" by Kayle Rice - Rev. Julie Stoneberg - Rev. Julie and Kristin Busse
16. **Postlude** - "Let's Get Together" by The Youngbloods – performed by Kaleidoscope

Our Split the Plate partner for September is Good Friend, 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

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In #361

1. Enter, rejoice, and come in. Enter, rejoice, and come in. Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.
2. Open your ears to the song. Open your ears to the song. Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.
3. Open your hearts ev'ryone. Open your hearts ev'ryone. Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.
4. Don't be afraid of some change. Don't be afraid of some change. Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.
5. Enter, rejoice, and come in. Enter, rejoice, and come in. Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:

Ushers: Rick Beattie, Lee Huempfer, Ann Heidkamp, and Mary Ross

Greeters: Julieann Gaetano and Joyce Cable

Welcome Table: Pam Beattie

Coffee Volunteers: Rita Piper

Table Decoration: Barb Holzhauer

Today's Sound Technician: Miles Bognar