

Unitarian Universalist Church West – Order of Service – October 15, 2023

“Ableism - Understanding DisABILITIES in an Ever-Inclusive World”

Pulpit Guest: Damian Buchman

Worship Leaders: Eddee Daniel and Deb Stevens

"Like racism, sexism, or homophobia, ableism is directed at individuals and built into social structures; it is lived out purposefully, accidentally, and unknowingly." ~ Kim E. Nielsen

- 1. Prelude** - “You’ll Never Walk Alone” by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II, arranged by Johnny Mann – performed by the UUCW Adult Choir
- 2. Call to Worship** “Toward a Place of Wholeness” by Viola Abbitt – Eddee Daniel
- 3. Welcome** – Kathy White, Board of Trustees Representative and Eddee Daniel
- 4. Singing Together #1008**- “When Our Heart is in a Holy Place” by Joyce Poley - led by the UUCW Adult Choir
- 5. Chalice Lighting** - “Weavers of One Story” by Leah Ongiri – Deb Stevens and Kathy White

Here we are, together
each facing our different human tasks
or maybe the same central one:
to embrace the lessons life delivers
to discern and respond as we grow
to refuse harm and cherish flourishing

May we know ourselves
whatever our abilities or disabilities
as vessels of infinite possibility
Holders of each other’s heartaches and tales of joy alike
weavers of one story
in which we each have our part

- 6. Story for All Ages** – “I Have a Sister – My Sister Is Deaf” by Jeanne Whitehouse Peterson - read by Sophia Pugens
- 7. Children's Recessional** - “As You Go, May Joy Surround You”, by Piirainen/Lynch
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. Joys and Concerns** – Deb Stevens
- 9. Singing Together #1031**- “Filled with loving Kindness,” Traditional Buddhist Meditation - led by the UUCW Adult Choir

10. Meditation/responsive reading – “Access Litany Prayer” by Bonnie Vegiard – Eddee Daniel

L: Spirit of Love, we pray for all your people.

C: For people who are blind and cannot see and for those who can see but are blind to people around them

L: Spirit, in your mercy, help us touch each other.

C: For people who move slowly because of accident, illness or disability, and for those who move too fast to be aware of the world in which they live

L: Spirit, in your mercy, help us work together.

C: For people who are deaf and cannot hear, and for those who can hear but ignore the cries of others

L: Spirit, in your mercy, help us respond to each other.

C: For people who learn slowly, for people who learn in different ways, and for people who learn quickly and easily but often choose ignorance

L: Spirit, in your mercy, help us grow in your wisdom.

C: For people who have chronic illnesses for which there is no known cure or relief, and for people who live in unholy fear of developing chronic illness

All: Spirit, in your mercy, help us and heal us.

11. Special Music – “Walk in Jerusalem” African American Spiritual, arranged by Rollo A. Dilworth – performed by the UUCW Adult Choir

12. Reading - “The Prophecy of the Disabled Body” (*an excerpt from the Theological Statement that opens the May 2018 Report of the UUMA Ableism Task Force*) – Deb Stevens

13. Message – “Ableism - Understanding DisABILITIES in an Ever-Inclusive World” - Damian Buchman

14. Offering Words - Kathy White

15. Offertory Music - “Return to the Heart” by David Lanz – performed by Ruben Piirainen

16. Reading – “Wild Emancipation for All of Us” by Rebekah Taussig – Carolou Nelsen

17. Singing Together #1014 – “Answering the Call of Love” by Jason Shelton - led by the UUCW Adult Choir

18. Closing Words – “As We Go Forward” by Cheryl Block – Eddee Daniel

19. Postlude - “The Wind Beneath My Wings” by Larry Henley & Jeff Silbar - performed by Ruben Piirainen

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Coffee Volunteer: Cathy DeMers

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