

# Unitarian Universalist Church West – Order of Service – November 19, 2023

## “Grief, Gratitude, and Transformation”

Pulpit Guest: Rev. Pamela Rumancik

Worship Leader: Stephen Frey

1. **Prelude** – “Prelude, Op. 16” by Clara Wieck Schumann - performed by Ruben Piirainen, Music Director
2. **Welcome** – Lynn Kapitan, Board of Trustees Representative
3. **Call to Worship** – “Wild Geese” by Mary Oliver – Stephen Frey
4. **Singing Together** – #349 – “We Gather Together”
5. **Chalice Lighting** – “The Persistent Flame” by Amy Brooks - Stephen Frey and Rev. Pam Rumancik

Even as the days grow shorter,  
and our homes shrink smaller,  
and our wicks burn lower,  
and our will to endure flickers,

A lit candle in a jar, on the sill of an open window.  
we light this chalice  
to kindle a flame of warmth  
as a reminder  
of the connection that draws us in  
to a community that opens us up

in gratitude  
for the breath in our lungs  
and the love in our hearts,  
for the gift of this day,  
alive.

6. **Story for All Ages** – “The Secret of Saying Thanks” by Douglas Wood and Greg Shed – Rev. Pam
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. **Meditation / Candle Lighting** - “Breathing Through” by Joanna Macy & Chris Johnstone – read by Rev. Pam
9. **Reflective Music** - “Today” by Randy Sparks, sung by Karen Mooney
10. **Reading** - “A Sorrow Shared” by Henri J. M. Nouwen - Stephen Frey
11. **Video** - “Embracing Pain” by Joanna Macy <https://youtu.be/7fnEUhZlirw>
12. **Message** - “Gratitude, Grief & Transformation” - Rev. Pam
13. **Ritual - Stones in Water - Weeping for the World** - “Have Mercy on Me” - Karen Mooney, Stephen Frey, and Rev. Julie
14. **Conclusion of Message** - “Gratitude, Grief & Transformation” - Rev. Pam

15. **Music** - "Hallelujah" by Leonard Cohen - Karen Mooney
16. **Offering Words** – Healing Intergenerational Roots – Lynn Kapitan
17. **Offertory Music** - “Mazurka, Op. 26” by Clara Gottschalk Peterson - performed by Ruben Piirainen
18. **Singing Together** - #52 “In Sweet Fields of Autumn”
19. **Benediction & Chalice Extinguishing** – “Free to Live” – Rev. Pam
20. **Postlude** - “Waltz, Op. 39, No. 9” by Johannes Brahms - performed by Ruben Piirainen

***Our Split the Plate partner for  
November is Healing  
Intergenerational Roots  
How to Give:***

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

Usher: Emily Clark

Greeters:

Newcomer Table: Anne Deahl

Coffee Volunteer:

Table Decoration: Julie Brown