

Unitarian Universalist Church West – Order of Service – December 17, 2023

“Love is Our Religion”

Guest Speaker: Rev. Charley Earp

Worship Leader: Eileen Gleeson

1. **Prelude** – “All You Need is Love” by John Lennon - performed by Kaleidoscope
Today’s band members include Natalie Fleury, Kurt Gaetano, Jess Hamel, Joel Harris, Linda Meurer, and Dan Weibe.
2. **Welcome** – Steven White, Board of Trustees Representative
3. **Call to Worship** – “Affirmation of Hope” by Dr. Loretta Williams – Eileen Gleeson
4. **Singing Together** – #131 “Love Will Guide Us”
5. **Chalice Lighting** – “We Kindle this Flame” by Philip Randall Giles - Eileen Gleeson and Steven White
We kindle this flame as a symbol of the light
we would keep glowing in our lives:
of appreciation for those who differ,
loving kindness for those who suffer,
esteem for all who remind us of our heritage and calling.
6. **Story for All Ages** - “Super Tiny” by Rev. Sunshine J. Wolfe - Dave Cicero, Director of Lifespan Religious Education
7. **Children's Recessional** - “As You Go, May Joy Surround You”, by Piiirainen/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. **Singing Together** - #1017 “Building a New Way”
9. **Joys and Concerns** – Eileen Gleeson
10. **Meditation** – “Love Looks Different” by Rev. Julie Taylor read by Eileen Collins
11. **Special Music** – “Love is My Religion” by Ziggy Marley - performed by Kaleidoscope
12. **Reading** – Selections from the UUA Article II - Eddee Daniel
13. **Message** - "Love is Our Religion" - Rev. Charley Earp
14. **Offering Words** – Allies for Teens in Foster Care – Charlie Peters, YRUU member
15. **Offertory Music** - “Love Is” by Adam Cohen - performed by Kaleidoscope
16. **Closing Words & Chalice Extinguishing** – “Sorrow will one day turn to joy...” by Paul Robeson – Eileen Gleeson and Steven White
17. **Postlude** - “What’s so Funny ‘Bout Peace Love and Understanding” by Nick Lowe - performed by Kaleidoscope

***Our Split the Plate partner for
December is
Allies for Teens in Foster Care
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

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:

Ushers: Anne Deahl, Mary Ross, Lee Huempfner

Greeters: Julieann Gaetano and Kathy White

Newcomer Table: Susan Foley

Coffee Volunteer: Jeanne Jarecki

Church and Table Decorations: The Holiday Decorating Team - Karen Zimmerman, Laurie Boddie, Hank Kulesza, Irene Heideman, Collen Gresk, Miles Bognar and Kelly Bognar

Today's Sound Technicians: Miles Bognar and Wade Jones