

## Unitarian Universalist Church West – Order of Service – January 14, 2024

### “Gotta Love MLK!”

The Rev. Julie Stoneberg

1. **Prelude** – “We Shall Overcome” trad. Spiritual, arr. G. D’Amato; performed by Ruben Piirainen
2. **Welcome** – Lynn Kapitan, Board of Trustees Representative
3. **Call to Worship** – “Wake Up” by Christian Schmidt - Rev. Julie
4. **Chalice Lighting** – “To Remember” by Addae Ama Kraba - Lynn Kapitan and Rev. Julie

*(Please read along, and if you are joining us at home, feel free to kindle your chalice or candle.)*

Spirit of Life,

We have come here today to remember what some are intent on making us forget.

To remember a man who fought to end segregation

To remember a man who marched to counter prejudice and oppression

To remember a man who was filled with peace and hope

To remember a man with promise and a dream

To remember a man with a voice that rang out for justice and freedom

All these things we remember and honor in the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,  
and a life well-lived in service to all.

May it be so.

5. **Congregational Sing** - #172 “Siph' Amandla”
6. **Story for All Ages** “Little People, Big Dreams: Martin Luther King Jr” by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara – read by Dave Cicero
7. **Children's Recessional** - “As You Go, May Joy Surround You” written 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. **Letter to the Future UUCW** – Susan Foley
9. **Meditation** - “Getting Through This Day” by Theresa Hardy – read by Rev. Julie
10. **Joys and Concerns** – Rev. Julie
11. **Sung Meditation** - #403 “Spirit of Truth, of Life, of Power”
12. **Video Message** - “Love and Power” by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
13. **Message** – “Gotta Love MLK!” – Rev. Julie
14. **Reading** - “Reflections on “Lift Every Voice and Sing”” by Aisha Ansano - read by Ann Heidkamp
15. **Sung Response** - #149 “Lift Every Voice and Sing”
16. **Offering Words** – Lynn Kapitan

***Our Split the Plate partner for  
January is SOPHIA***

***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](http://uucw.org) and click “Donate”

**MAIL:** Mail a Contribution to UU Church West – 13001 W North Ave, Brookfield, WI 53005

**17. Offertory Music** – “Glory (from *Selma*)” by John Legend; performed by Ruben Piirainen

**18. Offering Dedication**

To the work of this community,  
which is to ground ourselves in love and joy  
and to act for inclusion and justice,  
we dedicate ourselves and these our offerings.

**19. Reading** - “Power Prayer” by Becky Brooks - read by Scott Kopischke

**20. Congregational Sing** – #169 “We Shall Overcome”

**21. Benediction and Chalice Extinguishing** – “Go in Peace...” by Mark L. Belletini (#686) - Rev. Julie and Lynn Kapitan

**22. Postlude** – “Do Lord” trad. Spiritual, arr. B. Edstrom – performed by Ruben Piirainen

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

Ushers: Mary Wierman, Mary Ross, Eva McCrossin

Greeters:

Newcomer Table: Anne Deahl

Coffee Volunteer:

Chalice Table Decoration: Lisa Larson