

Unitarian Universalist Church West – Order of Service – February 11, 2024
“The Myth of Perfectibility” **The Rev. Julie Stoneberg**

1. **Prelude** – “Au Privave” by Charlie Parker; performed by Ruben Piirainen
2. **Welcome** – Erich Zuern, Board of Trustees Representative
3. **Congregational Sing** - #188 “Come, Come, Whoever You Are” - words by Rumi, music by Lynn Adair Ungar
4. **Call to Worship** – “This Essential Work of Justice and Liberation for All” by Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt - Rev. Julie
5. **Chalice Lighting** – adapted from “The Symbol of our Shared Faith” by Paul Stephan Dodenhoff - Erich Zuern and Rev. Julie
(Please read along, and if you are joining us at home, feel free to kindle your chalice or candle.)

For this one hour of this one day
We bring all of these here to this sanctuary of unity in diversity:
Joy and grief
Health and sickness
Light and Darkness
Peace and anger
Life and death
Wholeness and brokenness.

And we pour them out,
Commingling the oil of our lives
To become the flame of this chalice,
The symbol of our shared living faith.

6. **Children's Recessional** - “As You Go, May Joy Surround You” written by Piirainen/Lynch - introduced by Dave Cicero, DLRE

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.

7. **New Member Ceremony**

We are welcoming into membership Lynn Anderson, Matt Umstot, Steve Whitson, and Jackie and Dan Ziegler

Mission: Grounded in love, Unitarian Universalist Church West is a joyful community committed to spiritual growth, inclusion and justice. congregation of adults, youth, and children diverse in identity and beliefs.

Congregational Welcome: We welcome you to membership in Unitarian Universalist Church West. Our lives are made richer because you are here. May you find comfort and challenge in this community and help us to grow in harmony and understanding. May you learn and grow here; and help us to nurture compassion and action. May you find here deep friendship and take joy in the great work of the Unitarian Universalist community. Welcome!

- 8. **Letter to the Future UUCW** – Helen Ambuel
- 9. **Meditation** - “Grace” by Gretchen Haley - Rev. Julie
- 10. **Joys and Concerns** – Rev. Julie
- 11. **Anthem** “Al Shlosa D’Varim” by Allan Naplan – UUCW Adult Choir
translation: The world is sustained by three things: by truth, by justice, and by peace

- 12. **Reading** “Learning How to Fail” by Christine Slocum - read by Louise VerWert
- 13. **Message** – “The Myth of Perfectibility” – Rev. Julie
- 14. **Choral Response** – “A Flame Grows” by G. Ritchie – UUCW Adult Choir
- 15. **Offering Words** – Erich Zuern
- 16. **Offertory Music** – “All Blues” by Miles Davis; performed by Ruben Piirainen

17. 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.

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February is Safe & Sound
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- 18. **Reading** - “Put Away the Pressures of the World” by Erika Hewitt - read by Merritt Tynefield
- 19. **Congregational Sing** – #151 - “I Wish I Knew How” by Billy Taylor and Dick Dallas
- 20. **Benediction and Chalice Extinguishing** – “Fitted for This Day” by Kimberly Quinn Johnson - Rev. Julie and Erich Zuern
- 21. **Postlude** – “Turnaround” by Ornette Coleman; performed by Ruben Piirainen

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:

Ushers: Emily Clark
Greeters: Kathy White, Julieann Gaetano
Newcomer Table: Susan Foley
Coffee Volunteer: Cathy DeMers
Chalice Table Decoration: Jeanne Jarecki