Grounded in love, UUCW is a joyful community committed to spiritual growth, inclusion, and justice.

Unitarian Universalist Church West – Order of Service – March 24, 2024
"Gifts of the Dark"

Pulpit Guest: The Rev. Beth Monhollen **Worship Leader: Eddee Daniel**

1. **Prelude** – "Lifting As We Climb" by Lea Morris, inspired by words of Mary Church Terrell

   One of the first Black women to earn a four-year college degree in the US, Mary Church Terrell was founder of the National Association of Colored Women in 1896, an organization with a mission to improve the social mobility of Black people focused on issues such as women's suffrage, Jim Crow laws, lynching, education, and care for both children and the elderly.

   Performed by UUCW Adult Choir with video presentation by Hayley German Fisher.

2. **Call to Worship** – words by Rev Juniper Meadows - Eddee Daniel
3. **Welcome** – Eddee Daniel and Rob Zimmerman, Board of Trustees Representative
4. **Congregational Sing -** #1053 "How Could Anyone" by Libby Roderick
5. **Chalice Lighting** – adapted from Rev. Juniper Meadows - Eddee Daniel and Rob Zimmerman
   (Please read along, and if you are joining us at home, feel free to kindle your chalice or candle.)

   We light this chalice not in opposition to the darkness of the days,
   but so we may we be bathed in this light of reason,
   this warmth of community, this fire of commitment,
   may it be as a village bonfire, a beacon in the darkness
   for all travelers, all seekers,
   all who wander in the dark and the cold,
   all who would bow their heads as a new day is born.

6. **Story for All Ages** – "The Rabbit, the Dark, and the Cookie Tin" by Nicola O'Byrne – Dave Cicero, Director of Lifespan Religious Education
7. **Congregational Sing** - #1055 "How Sweet the Darkness" by Rachel Bates and Jason Shelton
8. **Meditation -** Rev Beth Monhollen
9. **Joys and Concerns** – Eddee Daniel
10. **Special Music –** "Sun and Moon (from *Miss Saigon*)" by Claude-Michel Schönberg, Richard Maltby, and Alain Boublil, arr. Mac Huff; performed by UUCW Adult Choir
11. **Reading** - "Because it is Dark" by Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer – Beth Zaretzke
12. **Message** – "Gifts of the Dark" – Rev. Beth Monhollen

13. **Offering Words** – Rob Zimmerman
14. **Offertory Music** – "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik (A Little Night Music), mvt. 2, K. 525" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, performed by Ruben Piirainen
15. **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.

16. **Closing Words and Chalice Extinguishing** - by Rev Jan Richardson - Eddee Daniel and Rob Zimmerman
17. **Postlude** – "Sunrise" by Michael Jones, performed by Ruben Piirainen

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Greeters: Julieann Gaetano, Kathy White
Newcomer Table:
Coffee Volunteer: Cathy DeMers

Today's Sound Technician: Miles Bognar