

Unitarian Universalist Church West – Order of Service – March 31, 2024
“The Exuberance of Ephemerals” **The Rev. Julie Stoneberg**

- 1. Prelude** – “These Are Days” by 10,000 Maniacs; performed by Kaleidoscope.
- 2. Welcome** – Larry Hawley, Board of Trustees Representative
- 3. Call to Worship** – “What Gives Us Life” by Vanessa Rush Southern and Alyson Jacks - Rev. Julie
- 4. Chalice Lighting** – “Easter” by Charles F. Flagg - Larry Hawley and Rev. Julie
(Please read along, and if you are joining us at home, feel free to kindle your chalice or candle.)

We seek life's meaning in the wonder of morning
In the freshness of springtime,
And in each others hearts and minds.
Yet still we hope for something more,
A break in the ordinary,
An infusion of the unexpected,
An explosion of glory,
A miracle,
Revealing more than we hope to understand.

- 5. Congregational Sing** - #1000 - “Morning Has Come”
- 6. Story for All Ages** – “Carl and the Meaning of Life” by Deborah Freedman - read by Scott Kopischke
- 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. Reading** – from “Wondrous Beyond Words” by JD Stillwater - read by Nick Clark
- 9. Joys and Concerns** – Rev. Julie
- 10. Sung Meditation** – #398 - “To See the World in a Grain of Sand”
- 11. Reading** – excerpts from “Called Out” by Barbara Kingsolver and Steven Hopp - read by Natalie Fleury
- 12. Message** – “The Exuberance of Ephemerals” – Rev. Julie
- 13. Interlude** – Video excerpted from “Desert bloom, Surviving, The Private Life of Plants” from the BBC Two, with the music of Ruben Piirainen

14. Offering Words – Larry Hawley

15. Offertory Music – “I Can See Clearly Now” by Johnny Nash - performed by Kaleidoscope

16. 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.

17. Reading - “What Happens When We Stop Living?” by Nathan C. Walker - Rev. Julie

18. Congregational Sing – #61 “Lo the Earth Awakes Again”

19. Benediction and Chalice Extinguishing – “Closing Words for Easter” by Alex Holt - Rev. Julie and Larry Hawley

20. Postlude – “The 59th Street Bridge Song” by Simon and Garfunkel - performed by Kaleidoscope

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THANK YOU TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:

Ushers: Steve Whitson, Lynn Anderson
Greeters: Julieann Gaetano, Kathy White
Newcomer Table: Susan Foley
Coffee Volunteer: Jeanne Jarecki