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

Unitarian Universalist Church West – Order of Service – April 14, 2024
"And We Shall Inherit the Earth" The Rev. Julie Stoneberg

1. **Prelude** – "By a Meadow Brook" by Edward MacDowell, performed by Ruben Piirainen
2. **Welcome** – Barb Holzhauer, Board of Trustees Representative
3. **Call to Worship** – "Invoking the Past, Present and Future" by Katie Romano Griffin - Rev. Julie
4. **Chalice Lighting** – #451 by Leslie Pohl-Kosbau - Barb Holzhauer and Rev. Julie
   (Please read along, and if you are joining us at home, feel free to kindle your chalice or candle.)

   Flame of fire, spark of the universe
   that warmed our ancestral hearth--
   agent of life and death,
   symbol of truth and freedom.
   We strive to understand ourselves
   and our earthly home.

5. **Congregational Sing** - "This Pretty Planet" by John Forster & Tom Chapin
   Limousine Music Co. & The Last Music Co. (ASCAP)

   This pretty planet spinning through space,
   You're a garden, you're a harbor,
   You're a holy place,

   Golden sun going down,
   Gentle blue giant spin us around.

   All through the night, safe 'til the morning light.

6. **Story for All Ages** – "Who Am I" by Julie Buchholz – Dave Cicero, DLRE
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. **Joys and Concerns** – Rev. Julie
9. **Sung Meditation** – #314 "We Are Children of the Earth"
10. **Reading** – "Becoming Good Ancestors" by Claire Rousell - read by Mark Steinberg and Karen Zimmerman
11. **Musical Interlude** - "Diversion 7" by Robert Muczynski, performed by Ruben
12. **Message** – "And We Shall Inherit the Earth" – Rev. Julie
13. **Musical Interlude** – "Diversion 9" by Robert Muczynski, performed by Ruben

14. **Offering Words** – Split the Plate member Julie Toman will introduce our guests Amanda Holzer and Ari Peroutka, Plastic Free MKE Interns
15. **Offertory Music** – "Reflection (a song inspired by early Spring)" by George Winston, performed by Ruben Piirainen
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** - "My Dreams, They Matter" by Phoenix Bell-Shelton Biggs - read by Rev. Julie
18. **Congregational Sing** – #207 "Earth Was Given as a Garden"
19. **Benediction and Chalice Extinguishing** – "Inspired by Our Ancestors" by Leia Durland-Jones - Rev. Julie and Barb Holzhauer
20. **Postlude** – "Up Jumped Spring" by Freddie Hubbard, performed by Ruben

Our Split the Plate partner for April is Milwaukee Riverkeeper/Plastic Free MKE

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THANK YOU TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:

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Greeters: Julieann Gaetano
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Coffee Volunteer: Sue Barbian
Chalice Table Decoration: Hayley German-Fisher