

Unitarian Universalist Church West – Order of Service – April 21, 2024
“Beauty’s Divine Breath” **Jill Braithwaite, Ministerial Candidate**

- 1. Prelude** – “Be the Light” by Lea Morris, inspired by words of Amanda Gorman - performed by UUCW Adult Choir, directed by Ruben Piirainen
- 2. Welcome** – Erich Zuern, Board of Trustees Vice President
- 3. Congregational Sing** - #326 “Let all the Beauty We Have Known” by D. M. Greeley with an English melody arr. by R. Vaughan Williams
- 4. Call to Worship** – “A Holy Alchemy” by Kim Mason – Jill Braithwaite
- 5. Chalice Lighting** – “A Chalice Lighting for Liminal Times” by Rev. Summer Albayati - Erich Zuern and Deb Stevens
(Please read along, and if you are joining us at home, feel free to kindle your chalice or candle.)

In betwixt and in between
We move in the liminal spaces
that show shades of
what can become
what can be
We light this chalice
as a symbol of courage
to move into that time of
this and that
and not this
and not that
With patience and faith
and love
and hope
that this time will pass
Like the sun that moves
in between
rising
and setting
Reminding us that
beauty resounds
In betwixt
and
In between

- 6. Story for All Ages** – “The Most Beautiful Thing” by Kao Kalia Yang – 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. Reading – by Rumi, translated by Coleman Barks – read by Nick Clark

9. Joys and Concerns – Deb Stevens

10. Sung Meditation – “The Power of Kindness” by Mark Hayes; performed by UUCW Adult Choir, directed by Ruben Piirainen, with Joel Harris and Jess Hamel on percussion

11. Reading – “The Invisible Embrace of Beauty” by John O’Donohue - read by Jacqueline Rivest

12. Message – “Beauty’s Divine Breath” – Jill Braithwaite

13. Congregational Sing – #77 “Seek Not Afar for Beauty” by M. J. Savage & C. V. Taylor

14. Offering Words – Erich Zuern

15. Offertory Music – “Con Amore” by Amy Beach - 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 - “Where There is Beauty” by Reverend Karen G. Johnston - read by Nick Clark

18. Congregational Sing – #21 “For the Beauty of the Earth” by F. S. Pierpont & C. Kocher

19. Benediction and Chalice Extinguishing – “Kindle New Sparks” by Debra Burrell - Jill Braithwaite and Erich Zuern

20. Postlude – “I Hear a Rhapsody” by G. Frajos, J. Baker, & D. Gasparre- performed by Ruben Piirainen

***Our Split the Plate partner for
April is Milwaukee
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THANK YOU TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:

Ushers: Kathy Lake, Mary Ross, Emily Clark, Lee Huempfer

Greeters: Julieann Gaetano

Newcomer Table:

Coffee Volunteer: Rita and Scott Piper

Chalice Table Decoration: Hawley German-Fisher