

Unitarian Universalist Church West – Order of Service – May 19, 2024

“Transitions Across the Lifespan”

Worship Leaders: Dave Cicero, Dir. of Lifespan Religious Education and Stephen Frey

- 1. Prelude** – “The Human Heart” (from *Once on this Island*) by Lynn Ahrens & Stephen Flaherty – performed by the UUCW Adult Choir; Jess Hamel, pianist; Ruben Piirainen, director
- 2. Welcome** – Jeannie Baker, Board of Trustees Representative and Stephen Frey
- 3. Call to Worship** – “The End Is the Beginning” by Katie Sivani Gelfand – Dave Cicero, Dir. of Lifespan Religious Education
- 4. Chalice Lighting** – “Flame of fire...” by Leslie Pohl-Kosbau – Caden Hamel and Stephen Frey
(Please read along and, if joining us at home, feel free to kindle your own 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.
Guiding light, illuminate our path through darkness's embrace,
Empower our journey with wisdom's grace,
Let compassion reign supreme,
May love's Eternal Flame forever gleam.

- 5. Congregational Sing** - #1003 “Where Do We Come From?”
- 6. Child Dedication** – Clark and Shilling families – Rev. Julie Stoneberg and Dave Cicero

Thank you for trusting us to honor and bless you.
We will support you, as a family, through all the experiences of life.
We will delight in your accomplishments, share in your sorrows,
and work with you to shape a better world.
May the love of this community abide with you always,
And may it remind you of the larger Love that holds us all.

- 7. Story for All Ages** – “Whose Hands Are These?” by Miranda Paul – Charlie Shulick
- 8. Guided Meditation** – “Past Life Doorway” – Whitney Brown & Maya Ernst
- 9. Senior Bridging** – Liam Wagner – Dave Cicero, Amy White, Rev. Julie Stoneberg

As you go forth, we celebrate with you.
We are proud of what you have done, and are glad for who you are.
Keep your Unitarian Universalist faith with you, and remember:
We are always here to welcome you home.

- 10. Special Music** – “Our Children” (from *Ragtime*) by Ahrens & Flaherty – performed by the UUCW Adult Choir

11. Joys and Concerns – Rev. Julie, Gwen Rivest and Henry Gross

We offer you our love, support, and congratulations!

12. New Member Welcome – Anne Deahl, Rev. Julie Stoneberg

We are welcoming Mary Binkelman, Vicki Burnett and Elliott Feil into membership

New Members:

We enter this faith with hope and possibility
in our hearts,
pledging to participate in and support
the ministries of this church.

We covenant to remain true to the spirit of
love that flows
through this church
and guides us.

We seek your welcome as we join you in this
faith.

Congregational Response:

We welcome you as once we were welcomed
ourselves.

We seek to be open and inclusive;
respecting your inherent dignity,
your ideas and your vision,
in times when it is easy
and in times when it is difficult.

We will not always live up to our ideals.
And, when we fall short
we invite you to stay in relationship with us
and help us more fully bring alive
the spirit of love.

We welcome you as an equal member
of this congregation,
of this faith,
and of our shared spiritual journey.

13. “Weaving a Tapestry” – Petra Musante

14. Offering Words – Jeannie Baker and Gabriella and Sabrina Vizier

15. Offertory Music – “Mejangeran” – trad. folk dance from Bali,
Indonesia, arr. C. Norton - Ruben Piirainen, piano

16. Final Reflection – “UUCW: Coming of Age” – by Carolou Nelson

17. Congregational Sing - #1028 – “Fire of Commitment”

18. Closing Words and Extinguishing Chalice– Anonymous – Dave
Cicero and Caden Hamel

19. Transitioning out – “Ya, Ya, Maya, Ya” – trad. folk dance from
Goa, India, arr. C. Norton - Ruben Piirainen

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:

Ushers: Lee Huempfer, Steve Whitson

Greeters: Julieann Gaetano, Kathy White

Newcomer Table: Lynn Anderson

Coffee Volunteers: Sue Barbian, Dave Herrewig

Chalice Table Decoration: UUCW Youth

Congratulations to our “Coming of Age” Youth: Whitney Brown, Maya Ernst, Petra Musante, Charlie Shulick, Gwen Rivest and Henry Gross

***Our Split the Plate partner
for May is STRYV365***

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