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

Unitarian Universalist Church West – Order of Service – October 27, 2024

"**Holding on to the Thread**" Jill Braithwaite, Minister

1. **Prelude** – "The Breeze at Dawn," words by Rumi - performed by the UUCW Adult Choir
2. **Welcome** – Nick Clark, Board of Trustees Representative
3. **Call to Worship** – "Autumnal Welcome" by Sarah Gettie McNeill – Jill Braithwaite, Minister
4. **Chalice Lighting** – Jill Braithwaite
   (Please read along, and if you are joining us at home, feel free to kindle your chalice or candle.)

   In these times of uncertainty,
   May we together kindle the flame of justice,
   Fueled by our belonging in community,
   Fed by our steadfast values,
   And ignited by our abiding love.

5. **Congregational Singing** - #1024 "When the Spirit Says Do"
6. **New Member Welcome Ceremony** Jill Braithwaite and Anne Deahl

   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.

   Congregational Response:

   We welcome you as once we were welcomed ourselves.
   We seek to be open and inclusive,
   respecting your inherent worth and dignity,
   your ideas and your vision, in times both easy and 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.

7. **Story for All Ages** – *The Invisible String* by Patrice Karst – read by Dave Cicero, DLRE
8. **Joys and Concerns –** Jill Braithwaite

9. **Musical Response** #396 "I Know This Rose Will Open"– performed by the UUCW Adult Choir
10. **Reading** – "The Way It Is" by William Stafford – read by Jim Fischer
11. **Message** – "Holding on to the Thread" - Jill Braithwaite
12. **Sharing Our Threads Ritual –** led by Jill Braithwaite and Dave Cicero
13. **Offering Words** – Nick Clark
14. **Offertory Music** - 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. **Congregational Sing** – #1058 "Be Ours a Religion"
17. **Benediction and Chalice Extinguishing** – Jill Braithwaite and Nick Clark
18. **Postlude** – "Gigue in E Major" by J.S. Bach **-** performed by Ruben Piirainen

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THANK YOU TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:

Ushers: Kathy Lake
Greeters:
Newcomer Table: Anne Deahl
Coffee Volunteers: Rita and Scott Piper
Chalice Table Decoration: Susan Endes