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

Unitarian Universalist Church West – Order of Service – January 12, 2025

"'Something to Do with Faith': The Power of Stories"

Sermon by Rev. Jill Braithwaite

Worship Leaders: Steven Frey, Eddee Daniel, Deb Stevens, Eileen Gleeson

1. **Prelude** – "African Song No. 8" by Abdullah Ibrahim, performed by Ruben Piirainen, Music Director
2. **Welcome** – Board of Trustees Representative, Rob Zimmerman
3. **Call to Worship** – "A House of Stories" by Rev. Scott Tayler - Eddee Daniel
4. **Congregational Singing** - #187 "It Sounds Along the Ages" William Channing Gannett, *Hemlandssånger*
5. **Chalice Lighting** – Eddee Daniel and Rob Zimmerman
   (Please read along, and if you are joining us at home, feel free to kindle your chalice or candle.)

   Let us open our eyes to see what is beautiful
   Let us open our minds to learn what is true
   Let us open our hearts to love one another.

6. **Story for All Ages** – *A Child of Books*, by Oliver Jeffers & Sam Winston – read by 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** – Deb Stevens
9. **Singing Meditation** (remain seated) #355 "We Lift Our Hearts in Thanks" Percival Chubb, *Harmoniae Hymnorum Scholae Gorlicensis*
10. **Readings** – Words by James Baldwin, excerpt from 1963 *Life* magazine interview; *The Rock That Is Higher* by Madeleine L'Engle - read by Eileen Gleeson
11. **Reflection -** "'Something to Do with Faith': The Power of Stories" – Rev. Jill Braithwaite, read by Eddee Daniel
12. **Congregational Singing** - #112 "Do You Hear?" William Caldwell and Emily Thorn
13. **Offering Words** – Kathy Lake, Split the Plate committee chair and Damian Buchman, Founder & Executive Director, AFAR, Inc dba The Ability Center
14. **Offertory Music** – "Fables" by Robert Muczynski, performed by Ruben

Our Split the Plate partner for January is The Ability Center. How to Give:

IN-PERSON: Loose cash and contributions (checks/cash) labeled "split" will be shared this month's Split the Plate partner organization.

ONLINE: Text "UUCW" to 73256 - OR – go to uucw.org and click "Donate"

MAIL: Mail a Contribution to UU Church West – 13001 W North Ave, Brookfield, WI 53005

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 Singing** #34 “Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire,” a traditional English melody with words by Hal Hopson

17. **Benediction and Chalice Extinguishing** – Eddee Daniel and Rob Zimmerman

18. **Postlude** – “Gavotte in G Major” by G.F. Handel, performed by Ruben

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:

Ushers: Kathy Lake, Mary Ross, Ann Heidkamp
Greeters: Julieann Gaetano, Nicole Grandstrand
Newcomer Table: Mark Steinberg
Coffee Volunteers: Scott and Rita Piper
Chalice Table Decoration: Jeanne Jarecki