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

Unitarian Universalist Church West – Order of Service – March 2, 2025

"'More Like a Plant Than a Jewel': On Trusting Uncertainty"

Rev. Jill Braithwaite

1. **Prelude** – "Etude no. 3" by Philip Glass – Ruben Piirainen, Music Director
2. **Welcome** – Board of Trustees Representative, Natalie Fleury
3. **Call to Worship** – "This Act of Faith" (adapted) by Rev. Gretchen Haley - Rev. Jill Braithwaite
4. **Congregational Singing** - #389 "Gathered Here" by Philip A. Porter
5. **Chalice Lighting** – "With Faith" by Gary Kowalski - Rev. Jill and Natalie Fleury

(Please read along, and if you are joining us at home, feel free to kindle your chalice or candle.)

With faith to face our challenges,
With love that casts out fear,
With hope to trust tomorrow,
We accept this day as the gift it is—
A reason for rejoicing.

6. **Story for All Ages** – "Lost in a Desert" (author not known) – 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** – Rev. Jill
9. **Singing Meditation** - #132 "Bright Those Jewels," French melody, words by Hosea Ballou II
10. **Readings**
    - Pema Chodron in 2006 Interview with Bill Moyers
    - "What Silence Said" by Julia Fehrenbacher
11. **Reflection -** "'More Like a Plant Than a Jewel': On Trusting Uncertainty" – Rev. Jill
12. **Musical Interlude** "Improvisation" - Ruben
13. **Offering Words** – Karen Zimmerman
14. **Offertory Music** – "Munsers Almaine" by William Byrd
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.

Our Split the Plate partner for March is BLUU – Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism.
How to Give:

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

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16. **Pledge Commitment Prize Drawings** – Jeannie Baker and Jackie Ziegler, Stewardship Team
17. **Congregational Singing** #323 “Break Not the Circle,” by Fred Kaan & Thomas Benjamin
18. **Benediction and Chalice Extinguishing** – “Wild Waters” by Chad A. Snyder - Rev. Jill and Natalie Fleury
19. **Postlude** – “Etude in G Major” by Johann Wilhelm Haessler

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:

Ushers:
Greeters: Rosie Kapp,
Newcomer Table: Anne Deahl
Coffee Volunteers:
Chalice Table Decoration: Jude Christensen