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

Unitarian Universalist Church West – Order of Service – May 4, 2025

"Beltane" EarthSpirit Team with Rev. Jill Braithwaite

1. **Prelude** – "March of the Fairies (from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*)" by Felix Mendelssohn, performed by Ruben Piirainen, Director of Music
2. **Welcome** – Board of Trustees Representative, Mark Steinberg
3. **Introduction to Beltane and the Fae** – Steven White and Sarah Stokes
4. **Congregational Song** - #73 "Chant for the Seasons" (spring verse), Czech folk song with words by Rev. Mark Belletini
5. **Welcome the Elements** – readers: Maria Hickman, Marilyn Kupka, Eddee Daniel, Mary Catanese, and Rev. Jill Braithwaite; presenters: Julie Mayhew, Michelle Gutherie, Nicole Grandstrand, Sophia Pugens, and Melissa Musante
6. **Offering** – Stephanie Wahlen, Split the Plate representative with Meg Bruzan, *We Got This* board member and Aniah Credit, student leader
7. **Offertory Music** – "Watermark" by Enya, performed by Ruben Piirainen
8. **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.
9. **Dance** - "Hang on Little Tomato" by Patrick Abbey, China Forbes, and Thomas Lauderdale – performed by Nicole Grandstrand and Ruben's One-Man Band
10. **Reading** – "In The Silence" (modified) by Sara Eileen LaWall– read by Amy Dedow
11. **Congregational Singing** - "We Shall Be Known" by MaMuse, led by Gina Barton and Ruben Piirainen
12. **Tiny Skit** – performed by David and Sarah Stokes
13. **Message** – "The Flame of Becoming" – Melissa Musante
14. **Ritual Introduction** – Melissa Musante

Our Split the Plate partner for May is We Got This.
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. **Beltane Ritual** - “Heat of our Hearts Desire” by Anne Hill – dance led by Nicole Grandstrand with Joel Harris, percussion; Daniel Wiebe, bass; and Deb Ruesch, Gina Barton, & Ruben Piirainen, singers
16. **Beltane Community Blessing** – Rev. Jill

    Rev. Jill: As Beltane weaves its bright ribbons across our hearts, and as the earth turns and grows green and lush around us

    All: May the community that holds us be blessed; may our wider world be blessed.

    Rev. Jill: As the Beltane flowers bloom with desire and possibility and we welcome in the potential for magic all around us

    All: May the community that holds us be blessed; may our wider world be blessed.

    Rev. Jill: As we move from darkness into light and work to bring our desires to fruition

    All: May the community that holds us be blessed; may our wider world be blessed.

    Rev. Jill: As we share our joy in the Goddess and the Green Man, in the Fairies and the fire

    All: May the community that holds us be blessed; may our wider world be blessed.

    Rev. Jill: As we reach out to help care for one another and extend our compassion into the wider world

    All: May the community that holds us be blessed; may our wider world be blessed.

17. **Elemental Beings Offering** – Melissa Musante, music by Ruben Piirainen
18. **Elements Release** – readers: Maria Hickman, Marilyn Kupka, Eddee Daniel, Mary Catanese, and Rev. Jill Braithwaite; presenters: Julie Mayhew, Michelle Gutherie, Nicole Grandstrand, Sophia Pugens, and Melissa Musante
19. **Grounding** – "Air I Am" by Andreas Corbin – led by David Stokes

    Air I am, Fire I am, Water, Earth and Spirit I am. STOMP STOMP STOMP (3 times)

20. **Closing** – “Blessed is the Path” by Eric Williams – Jude Christensen
21. **Postlude** - “Street Tango” by Astor Piazzolla, performed by Ruben Piirainen

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:

Ushers: Ann Heidkamp
Greeters: Rosie Kapp, Anne Deahl
Newcomer Table: Anne Deahl
Coffee Volunteers:
Chalice Table Decoration: EarthSpirit Team