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

Unitarian Universalist Church West – Order of Service – December 7, 2025

"The Liberating Love of Self" Rev. Jill Braithwaite

1. **Prelude** – "Gild the Lily" by Billy Strings - performed by the Kaleidoscope Band
2. **Welcome** – Board of Trustees Representative Mark Steinberg
3. **Call to Worship** – "Know Only That You Are Loved" by Rev. Gretchen Haley - Rev. Jill Braithwaite
4. **Chalice Lighting** – "Let Us Look First to the Response of Love" by Rev. Maureen Killoran – Rev. Jill and Mark Steinberg

   In these hard times, let us look first to the response of love.
   In the midst of challenge, may our chalice flame
   bear witness to the inherent worth and dignity of every human being.

   In the midst of uncertainty, may our chalice
   be a beacon of encouragement,
   that our values may guide our choices.

   Let us look first to the response of love.

5. **Singing Together** - #6 "Just as Long as I Have Breath"
6. **Story for All Ages** – *I Am Love: A Book of Compassion* by Susan Verde, illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds – Dave Cicero, DLRE
7. **Joys and Concerns** – Rev. Jill Braithwaite
8. **Singing Meditation** - (See insert) "Becoming" by Mary Grigolia (from *Sing Out Love)*
9. **Readings** – Excerpt from "Letters from Love" by Elizabeth Gilbert and from *Take What You Need: Life Lessons after Losing Everything* by Jen Crow – read by Carla Roden
10. **Special Music** - "This Is Me (from The Greatest Showman)" by Benj Pasek & Justin Paul – performed by the Kaleidoscope Band
11. **Reflection** - "The Liberating Love of Self" - Rev. Jill Braithwaite
12. **Pair & Share Invitation** – Rev. Jill
13. **Offering Words** – Mark Steinberg
14. **Offertory Music** – "Perfect" by Pink, Max Martin, Karl Johan Schuster - performed by the Kaleidoscope Band

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** - #118 “This Little Light of Mine”
17. **Closing Words and Chalice Extinguishing** – Rev. Jill and Mark Steinberg
18. **Postlude** – "I Just Want to Celebrate" by Dino Fekaris & Nick Zesses – performed by the Kaleidoscope Band

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THANK YOU TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:

Ushers: Kathy Lake, Pat Rierson
Greeters: Kathleen Herrewig, Julieann Gaetano, Carla Roden
Newcomer Table:
Coffee Volunteers: Mary Nordhagen
Chalice Table Decoration: Holiday Decorating Team
Friday Office Helper: