

Order of service – May 24, 2020 – Unitarian Universalist Church West

“They Crossed Life’s Threshold in Service” - Kathy White, Worship Coordinator, with Rev. Suzelle Lynch

Centering Thought:

"Without memory, there is no culture. Without memory there would be no civilization, no future." -- Elie Wiesel

1. **Welcome** – The Rev. Suzelle Lynch
2. **Call to Worship** – “Called by Loss, Called by Peace” by Rev. Heather Janules. Read by Kathy White
3. **Hymn # 389** “Gathered Here” by Philip A. Porter
Gathered here in the mystery of the hour / gathered here in one strong body
Gathered here in the struggle and the power / Spirit, draw near!
4. **Chalice Lighting "A People of Thresholds"** - Dave Cicero, Lifespan Director of Religious Education
Thresholds are spaces where we might imagine a new way, a new direction –
perhaps even a new sense of self. Will we accept its invitation to reflect?
Or will we push on, move past it, moving on through life as we always do...
As a People of Thresholds, may we pause, notice, and hold past, present, and future in our awareness.
We light this chalice for the power and possibilities of Thresholds.
5. **Worship for All Ages** “Who Do You Honor on Memorial Day?” – led by Dave Cicero; PBS media video
6. **Meditation** “Ten Thousand Baby Names,” by the Rev. Kathleen McTigue (2011). Read by Rev. Suzelle
7. **Special Music** – “Remembrances” by Edvard Grieg, performed by Jen Nicolosi, Lead Music Director
8. **Introduction and First Reading** “The Last Soldier,” by the Rev. David M. Horst. Led by Kathy White
9. **Second Reading** “Remembering Liberation on Memorial Day” by Michelle Richards, excerpt (2011). Read by Steve Frey
10. **Hymn # 101** “Abide With Me,” by Henry F. Lyte/W. H. Monk; accompaniment by Jen Nicolosi, Lead Music Director
Abide with me, fast falls the eventide; the darkness deepens; still with me abide.
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee, help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life’s little day; earth’s joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see: O thou who changes not, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless; ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death’s sting? Where, grave thy victory? I triumph still
if thou abide with me.
11. **Third Reading** - “A pacifist’s salute – A Military chaplain’s tribute for Memorial Day,” by The Rev. Cynthia Kane (2006) Read by Eileen Gleeson
12. **Fourth Reading** - “Excerpt from Leaving the battlefield: Soldier shares story of PTSD,” by Chaplain (Maj.) Carlos C. Huerta (2012) Read by Kathy White
13. **Hymn #411** “Part in Peace” by Sarah Flower Adams/Southern Harmony; accompaniment by Jen Nicolosi, Lead Music Director
14. **Chalice Extinguishing and Benediction** “Benediction for September 11,” by G. Jones. Read by Kathy White

Hymn #411

Part in peace! The day before us. Praises
sing for life and light.
Are the shadows length’ning o’er us?
Bless thy care who guards the night.

Part in peace! With deep Thanksgiving,
rend’ring as we homeward tread,
love and service to the living, gentle
mem’ry to the dead.

Part in peace! Our voices raising, in thy
presence always be.
This the worship and the praising,
bringing peace to you and me.