

# Order of Service – November 1, 2020 – Unitarian Universalist Church West

## “The Soul of America: An Election Sermon” - The Rev. Suzelle Lynch

1. **Prelude** - "Opening" by Philip Glass, performed by Ruben Piirainen

2. **Welcome** – The Rev. Suzelle Lynch

3. **Hymn # 1021** - Words & music by Bill Withers, performed by Kaleidoscope Worship Band

Sometimes in our lives we all have pain, we all have sorrow. But if we are wise we know that there's always tomorrow.

**Refrain** -- Lean on me when you're not strong and I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on, for it won't be long 'til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on.

Please swallow your pride if I have things you need to borrow, for no one can fill those of your needs that you won't let show. (*refrain*)

If there is a load you have to bear that you can't carry, I'm right up the road, I'll share your load if you just call me. (*refrain*)

**Coda** -- Just call on me brother when you need a hand. We all need somebody to lean on. I just might have a problem that you'd understand. We all need somebody to lean on.

4. **Chalice Lighting – We are a People of Healing** – Hannah LeBron and Azure Wolfe

To be alive is to be hurt – and thus we all need healing.

Healing another means easing their pain,  
Spending time tending their wounds;  
helping them move toward wholeness.

Healing ourselves means honoring our pain,  
asking for help, and letting ourselves rest,  
so that we, too, might move toward wholeness.

We light this chalice for the gentle giving and receiving of Healing.

5. **Worship for All Ages** – Quest of the Rainbow Dragons Awards - Dave Cicero, Dir. of Lifespan Religious Education

6. **Singing Together** – “America the Beautiful 2020” music by Samuel A. Ward; lyrics by S. Lynch + Sister Miriam Therese Winters (adapted)

7. **Reading** – “Ghazal: America the Beautiful” by Alicia Ostriker; read by Rob Zimmerman

8. **Special Music** – "The People Next Door" by Suzelle Lynch; arr. by Daniel Wiebe

9. **Meditation**

10. **Sermon** – “The Soul of America: An Election Sermon” The Rev. Suzelle Lynch

11. **Offering Words and Offertory** – Kathy Herrewig, Chair, Split the Plate Team. Our Split the Plate partner organization for November is “Healing Hearts of Waukesha County, Inc”

12. **Benediction** –

13. **Postlude** – "America the Beautiful" by Samuel A. Ward, setting by John Carter, performed by Jennifer Nicolosi

### America the Beautiful 2020

How beautiful, the spacious skies, the amber waves of grain,  
the purple mountains as they rise above the fruitful plain.

America! America! Earth's gracious gifts abound

O let us care eternally for these great sacred grounds.

Indigenous and immigrant, the children of these lands;

How beautiful their faces are in every place they stand.

America! America! We pray that we may be good neighbors here and siblings dear from sea to shining sea.

How beautiful, sincere lament, the wisdom born of tears,

Our courage calls us to repent the bloodshed through the years.

America! America! We labor on to be a nation blessed, with none oppressed, land of true equity.

How beautiful, the mystery, the future that will come

We hold our dreams, our hopes and schemes for this, our only home

America! America! We give our hearts to thee  
And pledge our best, to meet the test of what is yet to be.

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