Unitarian Universalist Church West – Order of Service – November 1, 2026

"Celebrating Samhain, Honoring the Crone"

The Earth Spirit Team

1. **Prelude** –Ruben: PlusTot, By Alexandra Streliski
2. **Reading** – "Wetness and Water", read by Carrie Lauders
3. **Welcome** –Almuth Soffee, Board of Trustees Representative
4. **Chalice Lighting** – "Open to Unexpected Answers", by Julianne Lepp, led by Amy Dedow

   We seek our place in the world
   And the answers to our hearts' deep questions
   As we seek, may our hearts be open to unexpected answers
   May the light of our chalice remind us
   That this is a community of warmth, of wisdom,
   And welcoming of multiple truths.

5. **Introduction to Samhain –** Eddee Daniel
6. **Explanation of the Trinity –** Mary Catanese, Lauren Pugens and Sophia Pugens
7. **Song and Response Reading -** David Stokes

   Earth is home to us all.
   To share our Earth is natural.
   We're linked together in a circle
   Earth is home to us all.

8. **Welcoming the Directions –** Aylin Novak, Mary Catanese, Lauren Pugens, Sophia Pugens, Linda Sheridan
9. **Reading -** by Shelly Blooms, read by Sarah Stokes
10. **The Crone -** words entwined from Lee Hutchings, Kathy Jones, and Amy Dedow
11. **Samhain Chant:** words by I. Suzanne, music by Ruben Piirainen
12. **Ritual -** Amy Dedow and Mary Catanese
13. **Singing Together Hymn #1055**– "How Sweet the Darkness", led by Ruben Piirainen
14. **Reflection** – Raven Cunningham

15. **Offering Words** – Susan Endes with Lloyd Ninham, Executive Director of the Indian Council of the Elderly
16. **Offertory Music -** "Adagio", by Suzanne Ciani– performed by Ruben Piirainen
17. **Offering Dedication**: Almuth Soffee

    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
18. **Releasing the Directions** – Aylin Novak, Sophia Pugens, Lauren Pugen, Mary Catanese, and Linda Sheridan
19. **Closing Words** – words by Molly Remer, read by Melissa Musante
20. **Postlude** – "By Night" by Sophia Hutchings - performed by Ruben Piirainen

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Indian Council of the Elderly

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THANK YOU TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:

Ushers:
Greeters: Julieann Gaetano, Rosie Kapp
Newcomer Table:
Coffee Volunteers: Nancy Zoltowski
Table Decoration: Amy Dedow