

Order of Service – February 21, 2021 – Unitarian Universalist Church West

“How Will Churches Survive the Pandemic?” The Rev. Suzelle Lynch

1. **Prelude** – "Dusk" by Nkeiru Okoye & "The Monk" by Valerie Capers; performed by Ruben Piirainen, Music Director
2. **Welcome and Call to Worship** – the Rev. Suzelle Lynch
3. **Hymn #4** – “I Brought My Spirit to the Sea” Alec Wyton/Max Kapp; Jennifer Nicolosi, Lead Music Director, Pianist; led by Rev. Suzelle
4. **Chalice Lighting - We are a People of Beloved Community** – Kathy Bradshaw
(Please kindle your chalice at home and read along)
Living by love, not by fear: this is the goal of Beloved Community.
A community where no one is oppressed or exploited;
A community where every one is respected, appreciated, valued and nurtured.
Let’s invite our beloveds – our cherished friends and kin,
partners and ancestors, neighbors and teachers,
to join in building the Beloved Community.
Because we need each other to reach the goal of living by love, in peace,
and with hope.
5. **Worship for All Ages** – Dave Cicero, Director of Lifespan Religious Education
6. **Offering Words and Offertory** – Pat Rierson, Split the Plate Team member
***Our Split the Plate partner organization for February
is PEARLS for Teen Girls.***
7. **Meditation** - Rev. Suzelle
8. **Special Music** - "Ticklin' Toes"
by Florence Price; performed by
Ruben Piirainen
9. **Readings** - Rev. Suzelle
10. **Sermon** – “How Will Churches Survive the Pandemic?” the Rev. Suzelle Lynch
11. **Hymn #113** – “Where Is Our Holy Church?” Genevan psalter, adapted William Crotch/Edwin Henry Wilson; Jennifer Nicolosi, pianist
 1. Where is our holy church? Where race and class unite
as equal persons in the search for beauty, truth, and right.
 2. Where is our holy writ? Where'er a human heart
a sacred torch of truth has lit, by inspiration taught.
 3. Where is our holy One? A mighty host respond;
the people rise in every land to break the captive's bond.
 4. Where is our holy land? Within the human soul,
wherever free minds truly seek with character the goal.
 5. Where is our paradise? In aspiration's sight,
wherein we hope to see arise ten thousand years of right.
12. **Benediction** – Rev. Suzelle
13. **Postlude** – "Sweet Mister Jelly Roll" by Valerie Capers; performed by Ruben Piirainen

I Brought My Spirit to the Sea

1. I brought my spirit to the sea; I stood upon the shore.
I gazed upon infinity, I heard the waters roar.
2. And then there came a sense of peace, some whisper calmed my soul. Some ancient ministry of stars had made my spirit whole.
3. I brought my spirit to the trees that loomed against the sky. I touched each wand'ring careless breeze to know if God was nigh.
4. And then I felt an inner flame that fiercely burned my tears. Upright, I rose from bended knee to meet the asking years.

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