

Order of Service – Unitarian Universalist Church West - May 24, 2020
“Listen to the Truth That’s Inside You” High School Senior Bridging Ceremony

- 1. Welcome** – The Rev. Suzelle Lynch
- 2. Hymn #1064 “Blue Boat Home,”** by Peter Mayer/Roland Pritchard
– performed by Dave Cicero, Lifespan Director of Religious Ed
- 3. Chalice Lighting “For Thresholds”** – Scott Shulick, President
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 past, moving on through life as we always do...
As a People of Thresholds, may we pause
and hold past, present, and future gently in our awareness.
We light this chalice for the power and possibility of Thresholds.
- 4. Senior Bridging Ceremony Introduction** - Rev. Suzelle & Dave C.
- 5. Who are UUCW’s 2020 High School Graduating Seniors?**
- 6. The Opportunity -- A Message from Dave Cicero**
- 7. A Message from Jim Weitzer, Lead YRUU Advisor**
- 8. A Message from the YRUU High School Group** – Elliott Feil
- 9. Special Music** – “Lean on Me” by Bill Withers; performed by the
UUCW Kaleidoscope Worship Band
- 10. Gifts and Challenges** - Rev. Suzelle & Dave C.
- 11. A Message from President Obama** – “Listen to the Truth That’s Inside You”
- 12. 2020 Graduates’ Plans & Perspectives**
- 13. Class of 2020 Farewell** – Julia Fleury and Harry Frey
- 14. Invitation and Welcome from UUCW Young Adults** - Chelsey Nesbit, Facilitator, GenUU
- 15. Crossing the Bridge** – Animation by Kelly Bognar
- 16. Congregational Response** – Scott Shulick
Tori, Kathryn, Julia, Harry, Ella, Cady, Maeghan and Derrick –
You have crossed the bridge into the world of adulthood, and we celebrate with you!
We are proud of who you are, and all you have accomplished so far.
As you go forth into the world, taking your Unitarian Universalist faith with you wherever you
go, remember that we will always be here to welcome you home.
As your new adult journey begins, we offer you our love, our support, and our
congratulations!
- 17. Closing Words & Chalice Extinguishing** – Rev. Suzelle & Dave

Blue Boat Home

Though below me, I feel no motion
Standing on these mountains and plains
Far away from the rolling ocean
Still my dry land heart can say
I’ve been sailing all my life now
Never harbor or port have I known
The wide universe is the ocean I travel
And the earth is my blue boat home

Sun, my sail and moon, my rudder
As I ply the starry sea
Leaning over the edge in wonder
Casting questions into the deep
Drifting here with my ship’s companions
All we kindred pilgrim souls
Making our way by the lights of the
heavens
In our beautiful blue boat home

I give thanks to the waves upholding me
Hail the great winds urging me on
Greet the infinite sea before me
Sing the sky my sailor’s song
I was born upon the fathoms
Never harbor or port have I known
The wide universe is the ocean I travel
And the earth is my blue boat home