

## 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