

# Order Of Service

*The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Palisades*

*‘The Tao Te Ching – Wisdom For Our Times’*

*Sunday, 9 June 2024 Rev. Pippa Jones*

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**MUSICAL PRELUDE** *To Be a Child Again* by JJ Heller 3:37 (lyrics in the chat box)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=scajJhct-fY&list=TLPQMDcwNjIwMjTOA-IA4o2neQ&index=2>

**WELCOME** – Pippa Jones

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** – Pippa Jones

**CALL TO MINDFULNESS and CHALICE LIGHTING** – Pippa Jones

**HYMN** – “Return Again” by Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach UUSGU (lyrics in the video) 3:05  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4KQzSwcvaWs>

**MEDITATION** – Pippa Jones

**INTRODUCTION and READING** – Tao Te Ching Chapter 1 (transl. Jonathan Star)

**MUSICAL INTERLUDE** *A Calm Awakening* by Nic Paton (lyrics in video) 4:03  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mueUwn8tPbM>

**SERMON** (“The Tao Te Ching – Wisdom for Our Times”) – Pippa Jones

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING PLATE** – <https://uucpalisades.org/product/make-a-donation-to-uucp/>

**CLOSING BLESSING** (excerpted from Tao Te Ching – Chapter 47) – Pippa Jones

**MUSICAL POSTLUDE** *The Inner Light* by The Beatles (words in the video) 2:36  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sa3948JzWCc>

**CHALICE EXTINGUISHING** – Pippa Jones

## PRELUDE – To Be A Child Again (JJ Heller)

(...to be a child again...to be a child again)

I want to see a stranger and assume that they could be a friend  
I want to talk to God like He's just sitting on the edge of my bed  
To sing when I feel like it  
Dance like I'm good at it  
Love like I'm made for it

To be a child again  
Feel good inside my skin  
See magic in everything  
To be free and wild  
Oh to be a child again

To be a child again  
To be a child again  
To be a child again

I want to see my scars and feel so proud of all that I survived  
I want to wake each morning feeling happy just to be alive  
To run when I want to run  
Cry in front of anyone  
I'm not the only one who wants...

To be a child again  
Feel good inside my skin  
See magic in everything  
To be free and wild  
Oh to be a child again

To be a child again  
To be a child again  
To be a child again

The world is crazy but it's wonderful  
And life is short but it is beautiful  
When we grow up we can forget so much  
But every single child knows how to love

To be a child again  
Feel good inside my skin

See magic in everything  
To be free and wild  
In this world I'm living in

To be a child again  
Feel good inside my skin  
See magic in everything  
To be free and wild  
Oh to be a child again

To be a child again  
To be a child again  
To be a child again

### **UU HYMN – “Return Again”**

Return again, return again  
Return to the home of your Soul  
Return again, return again  
Return to the home of your Soul.

### **CHORUS:**

Return to who you are,  
return to what you are  
Return to where you are  
Born and reborn again

Return to who you are,  
return to what you are  
Return to where you are  
Born and reborn again

## READING – Chapter 1 Tao Te Ching

A way that can be walked is not The Way  
A name that can be named is not The Name

Tao is both Named and Nameless  
As Nameless, it is the origin of all things  
As Named, it is the mother of all things.

A mind free of thought,  
merged within itself,  
beholds the essence of Tao  
A mind filled with thought,  
identified with its own perceptions,  
beholds the mere forms of this world

Tao and this world seem different  
but in truth they are one and the same  
The only difference is in what we call them

How deep and mysterious is this unity  
How profound, how great!  
It is the truth beyond the truth,  
the hidden within the hidden  
It is the path to all wonder,  
the gate to the essence of everything!