

ORDER OF SERVICE
for the ceremony of welcome and thanksgiving for

DAPHNE ELIZABETH
& MAGNUS JAMES

Saturday 12th October, 2024

ROSSLYN HILL CHAPEL
Hampstead

OFFICIANT: *Rev Kate Dean*

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Rev Kate Dean

FIRST READING

On Children, by Kahlil Gibran

Read by Edward Poland

THE UNITARIAN WAY

SECOND READING

You Are My I Love You, by Maryanne Cusimano Love

Read by Carolyn Horst

PRAYER

A prayer of thanksgiving for the new lives that have come to us.

BLESSING THE WATER

We can all bless the water with our good wishes for

Daphne and Magnus.

You can come forward to dip your fingers in the water or remain seated and send your good wishes.

THIRD READING

We Wish for You a Storm, by Robert F. Kaufman

Read by Sarah Matteson

THE NAMING CEREMONY

Thank you for being Guideparents for Daphne and Magnus. I will ask you three questions which I hope you will respond afterwards with 'we do':

Do you promise that Daphne and Magnus will be able to trust you with their thoughts, their dreams and their hopes? **We do**

Do you promise to find time for Daphne and Magnus, to be non-judgemental and supportive and to love them? **We do**

Do you promise to be there to show Daphne and Magnus the richness of nature and our world that brings meaning and purpose to life? **We do**

Do you hope to uphold these promises to the best of your ability? **We do**

At the font:

**In the presence of us all,
and with this water as a sign of purity,
I now welcome you: Daphne Elizabeth Horst-Nelson
and Magnus James Horst-Nelson
May your mind be always open to new ideas
And your hearts be filled with love
And your hands be helpful and ready to serve others
so that you may be a blessing to all who meet you.
May the Universe protect you all your days,
and may you have joy and happiness
and bring laughter and love in all you do.**

AMEN

FINAL PRAYER AND BLESSING

