

ORDER OF SERVICE

October 12, 2025

Prelude

Introit “Tewa Prayer” John Maas

Opening Words “Eagle Poem”
Joy Harjo, Former Poet Laureate of the United States

Opening Round* “Morning Has Come” No. 397 [STLT]
Morning has come, night is away.
Rise with the sun and welcome the day!

Chalice Lighting

Unison Affirmation

Love is the doctrine of this church,
The quest for truth its sacrament,
And service its prayer.
To dwell together in peace,
To seek knowledge in freedom,
To serve human need,
To the end that all souls shall
grow into harmony with the divine —
Thus do we covenant
with each other and with God.

Welcome and Invitation to Engagement

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Community Sharing

Reading *Ladder To the Light: An Indigenous Elder's
Meditations On Hope and Courage*
Steven Charleston

Prayer Response “Voice Still and Small” No. 391 [STLT]

Intro to the Offering

Offertory *Native American Melodies*
(harmonized by Arthur Farwell)

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, so our 50/50 split for this month will benefit **Healing Abuse Working for Change (HAWC)**. Their mission is to create social change by taking action against personal and societal patterns of violence and oppression. HAWC provides services to survivors of domestic abuse residing in 23 cities and towns on Massachusetts' North Shore in order that they may make informed, independent decisions about their futures. More at <https://hawcdv.org>.

We share our Sunday morning offering each month with an organization that is dedicated to alleviating human suffering or oppression. The collection will benefit both the church and organization:

- all loose cash in the collection plates will be split on a 50/50 basis between the church and the organization
- checks payable to the church will go only to the church—and toward your pledge—unless otherwise designated (e.g. writing “50/50” on the memo line)
- all checks payable to the organization will go to the organization

Candles of Hope and Healing

Reading from *The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity
In The Natural World*
Robin Wall Kimmerer

Anthem “Shoshone Love Song” Roger Emerson

Sermon "The Right Directions"
Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein

*Closing Hymn "Our World Is One World" No. 134 [STLT]

Sending Forth and Benediction

The congregation responds: *Amen*

Postlude *Navajo Prelude No. 1* Connor Chee

Extinguishing the Chalice

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein, Worship Leader

Destiny Cooper, Interim Director of Music

David Collins, Keyboard

The UUCGL Choir

Jen Birenbach, Worship Associate

Anne-Marie Hakstian, Livestream Operator

Dave Innis, Usher

Paula Innis, Greeter

Please join us for Fellowship Hour, hosted by **Megan White**, in the Parish Hall (to your right as you exit the Sanctuary) after the service.

JOIN US!

(Visit uucgl.org for more information and additional announcements.)

Church History Ministry Team Meeting

Sunday, October 12 | 11:30am | Fellowship Room

"Drumagic" Community Drum Circle

Saturday, October 12 | 1:30-3:30pm | Sanctuary

Sunday Evening Meditations

Sunday, October 12 | 5:15-6pm | Sanctuary

Open to everyone; no experience necessary. More at uucgl.org.

Wisdom Circle

Tuesday, October 14 | 11:30-1:30pm | North Andover

The group will visit the beautiful Merrimack College Labyrinth on this date!

Family History Group

Tuesday, October 14 | 2:30-4pm | Parish Hall

Open to anyone interested in their family history and in tracing their ancestry.

Dialogue Group

Tuesday, October 14 | 5-6pm | Zoom

Plant-Based Cooking Group

Thursday, October 16 | 5-7pm | Kitchen

Saturday Craft Circle

Saturday, October 18 | 10am-2pm | Skylight Room

A Don White Concert to Benefit KIC

Saturday, October 18 | 7:30pm

This concert benefits Kids in Community (KIC) in Lynn. Tickets at uucgl.org.

Community Conversations

Sunday, October 26 | 11:30am | Skylight Room

On every fourth Sunday of the month, your UUCGL Board will hold Community Conversations after the service. Please come to learn, ask questions, and share your thoughts as we discuss the important issues facing the future of our community.

Beginner Tai Chi Class

Tuesday, November 4 | 9am | Parish Hall

This is a true beginner class that will explore Tai Chi fundamentals and theories and learn Wudang Tai Chi 28 movements. See uucgl.org/taichi.

Qigong Class

Tuesday, November 4 | 10am | Parish Hall

Whether you are new to Qigong, or have previous experience, you will enjoy this one-hour meditative exercise. All ages and abilities welcome! See uucgl.org/taichi.