

ORDER OF SERVICE
December 17, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Ingathering Chime

Call to Worship

Lighting of the Chalice and Advent Candles

Missa Festiva
by John Leavitt

Introduction "Beginning With Mercy"

Reading
From *The Brothers Karamazov*, Fyodor Dostoevsky, Russian 1821-1881

Music "Kyrie Eleison"
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

Introduction "Gratitude"

Reading Psalm 138

Music "Gloria"
Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace to all those of good will. We praise you. We bless you. We worship you. We glorify you. We give thanks to you because of your great glory.

Prayer and Meditation "Faithful To"

Music "Credo"
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life.

Offering

Our 50/50 split this month benefits **My Brother's Table** in Lynn.

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

Introduction "Everything is Holy"

Reading Judy Cannato,
Radical Amazement: Contemplative Lessons from Black Holes, Supernovas, and Other Wonders of the Universe

Music "Sanctus"
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. (Hosanna to God), Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord (God).

Introduction "What Saves Us"

Reading

Music "Agnus Dei"
*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us (Amen).
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world: grant us peace (Amen).*

Benediction

Congregational Response: *Amen*

Extinguishing the Chalice and Postlude

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein, Parish Minister
Kenneth Griffith II, Director of Music
Doreen Hodgkin, Usher

GUEST INSTRUMENTALISTS

Violins - Marnen Laibow-Koser, Cassandra Moore Lyons

Viola - Cassie Sulbarán

Cello - Macaulley Withlock

Contrabass - Carlos Sulbarán

Flute - Glenn Silvia

Oboe - Emily DiAngelo

Clarinets - Santiago Baena, Marguerite Levin

Piano - David Collins

VOCALISTS

The UUCGL Choir

Zac Constantino

Destiny Cooper

Bailee Green

Irene Idicheria

Robert McFletcher-Jones

Joshua Shilo

Maggie Storm

Calvin Wamser

WE ARE A SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY

that gathers to explore deeper truths together,
to support one another through the complexities and struggles
of daily life, and to serve the greater good by becoming
more compassionate in our thoughts, words, and actions.

Join with us to cultivate reverence, peacefulness,
and an ethic of loving engagement with the world.

We are so glad that you're here today,
whether you are a devoted member or a new visitor.

We hope to be a spiritual community
you will consider becoming part of.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visit uucgl.org for more information and additional announcements.

Church History Ministry Team Meeting

Sunday, December 17 | 11:30am-12:30pm | Skylight Room

"Drumagic" Community Drum Circle

Sunday, December 17 | 1:30-3:30 pm | Sanctuary

Open to ages 8 and up; no experience necessary! Expect an afternoon of spiritual awakening, fun and meeting wonderful people. Drums are available for borrowing. Read more about it at uucgl.org/adultprograms.

Tai Chi Class —Intermediate Level

Tuesday, December 19 | 11am | Parish Hall

Christmas Eve Service **5:30pm**

Sunday, December 24 | 5:30pm

The Sunday service will be our traditional candle lighting Christmas Eve at 5:30pm. No morning service.

Dialogue Group

Wednesday, December 27 | 8-9pm | Zoom

Plant-Based Cooking Group (FOR ALL AGES)

Thursday, December 28 | 5pm | UUCGL Kitchen

Saturday Craft Circle

Saturday, January 6 | 10am-2pm | Skylight Room

Sunday Evening Meditations

Sunday, January 7 | 4-5 pm | Sanctuary

Registration required; see uucgl.org

Tai Chi Class —Beginner Level (First Class)

Tuesday, January 9 | 10am | Parish Hall

All ages and abilities welcome. Sign up at www.uucgl.org/taichi

Wisdom Circle

Tuesday, January 9 | 12-1:30pm

5th-6th Grade OWL and Parent Orientation (First Class)

Sunday, January 14 | 6-8pm

Classes run every Sunday, except holidays and first Sundays of school vacation weeks. Learn more or sign up at www.uucgl.org/owl

Parents & Caregivers as Sexuality Educators Support Group

Sunday, January 21 | 6-8pm

Sessions are designed to meet the needs of adults raising children of a wide age range, from elementary through high school. Read more at uucgl.org