

ORDER OF SERVICE

April 7, 2024

Ingathering Music

Centering Thought

Choral Introit "For the Beauty of the Earth" Konrad Kocher

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn "Morning Has Come" No. 1000 [STJ]

Chalice Lighting

Congregational Affirmation "Rise Up, O Flame" No. 362 [STLT]

All: *Rise up, o flame, by thy light glowing
Show to us beauty, vision and joy.*

Welcome and Invitation to Engagement

Joys and Sorrows

Prayer and Meditation from Psalm 19:1-6 New Century Version

Sung Response Alleluia Chaconne No. 386 [STLT]

Introduction to the April Offering Evan Katz, Board of Trustees

Offertory *Primavera (Spring)* Tatiana Stankovych
(b. 1975)

Our 50/50 split for March will benefit **Save King's Beach**. The group's mission is to make King's Beach safe, clean, and swimmable every day by eliminating sewage pollution from Lynn and Swampscott.

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

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Candles of Hope and Healing

Reading *Selected Writings on the Earth Community*

Thomas Berry

Choral Anthem "Here Comes the Sun"
Words and Music by George Harrison
arr. Matt and Adam Podd

Sermon "Signs And Wonders"
Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein

*Closing Hymn "The Spacious Firmament on High" No. 283 [STLT]

This hymn was composed in the late-18th century, before the Second Congregational Society in Lynn had been formed by a group of theologically liberal members who withdrew from the First Church of Christ of Lynn to form their own congregation. The First Universalist Society had not yet been formed, although Universalism was starting to be preached in the United States.

Did they sing this hymn the Sunday after the total solar eclipse in 1803 or 1806? It's fun to consider. - V.W.

Benediction The congregation responds: *Amen*

Postlude *Rondo, Op. 16* Mykola Lysenko
(1842-1912)

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During the month of April, David will be featuring solo piano music by Ukrainian composers. If you have any questions or comments about the composers or the music that you hear, please don't hesitate to talk to David after the service.

Please join us for coffee and fellowship, hosted by Dave and Paula Innis in the Parish Hall (to your right, as you exit the Sanctuary) after the service.

Fair Trade food items will be available for purchase in the Parish Hall during Fellowship Hour.

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein, Parish Minister

Kenneth Griffith II, Director of Music

David Collins, Keyboard

The UUCGL Choir

Jason Gatlin, Livestream Service

Michael Martel, Usher

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.

JOIN US!

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

Connecting Conversations: Looking Under The Hood of Sunday

Today | 11:20am-12pm | Sanctuary

Rev. Vicki will talk about everything that goes into making Sunday morning worship services work. Please attend if you are curious about our rituals and practices and especially if you are interested in supporting the worship program as a Worship Associate, Usher, or Fellowship Hour Host.

Sunday Evening Meditations

Today | 4-4:45 pm | Sanctuary | REGISTRATION REQUIRED: UUCGL.ORG

Potluck Community Meal

Tonight | 5pm | Parish Hall

Parents & Caregivers Support Group

Tonight | 6-8pm | Fellowship Room

7th-8th Grade OWL Classes

Tonight | 6-8pm | Fellowship Room & Skylight Room

Youth Group

Tonight | 6:30pm | Lower Level

Wisdom Circle

Tuesday, April 9 | 12-1:30pm | Skylight Room

OWL Class for Adults Aged 50+

Thursday, April 11 | 2-4pm | Skylight Room

Dialogue Group

Tuesday, April 16 | 5-6pm | Zoom

Meet "Nile"... the Giant Inflatable Whale!

Sunday, April 21 | 1-3pm | Parish Hall | REGISTRATION REQUIRED: UUCGL.ORG

Step into the belly of a huge inflatable whale to learn about these majestic creatures! Touch real whale bones and teeth, and learn about how these animals are studied in the wild. (Note: this program is appropriate for adults and kids, but not for children under 5.)

Our Own Beaches: An Evening Of Learning And Advocacy

Monday, April 22 | 6:30-8:30pm | Sanctuary | REGISTRATION REQ'D: UUCGL.ORG

Come to an educational forum led by our friends at Save King's Beach and other environmental activists where we will share our concern for our local beaches and learn what measures are underway for the improvement of conditions at King's Beach. The forum will be livestreamed and a reception will follow.