

ORDER OF SERVICE
March 5, 2023

Prelude *Serenade* Mykola Lysenko

Welcome and Announcements

Ingathering Chime

Introit “This Old World” American Folk Tune

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn “We Are the Earth Upright and Proud” No. 303 [STLT]

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.

Community Joys and Sorrows

Pastoral Prayer

Musical Response

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Offertory[†]

Our 50/50 split for the month of March will benefit the school children in Homoródkeményfalva, the village of our partner church in the Transylvania region of Romania. The funds we send will help provide books and educational resources for the children who attend the village school. (Visit uucgl.org/partnerchurch to see pictures of our partner church and the surrounding village, which were taken by UUCGL members who have visited over the years.)

Candles of Hope and Healing

You are invited to come forward and light a candle.

Reading Excerpt from “Where Do We Go From Here?”
The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr

Anthem “Show Us How to Love” Mark A. Miller

Sermon “Conflict as Spiritual Practice” Rev. Chris Scheller

*Closing Hymn “Peace! The Perfect Word” No. 161 [STLT]

Sending Forth

Benediction

Congregational Response: *Amen*

Postlude *Etude-Minuet* Victor Kosenko

Greeting Each Other

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

[†]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 charity:

- all loose cash in the collection plates will be split on a 50/50 basis between the church and the charity
- 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 charity will go to the charity

During the services in March, David Collins will be performing piano music by Ukrainian composers. Please speak to him after the service if you'd like more information about the music or the composers. He would love to discuss it with anyone who is interested.

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Chris Scheller, Minister
Kenneth Griffith II, Director of Music
David Collins, Keyboard
The UUCGL Choir
Jason Gatlin, Livestream Service
Jack Butterworth, Worship Associate
Mike 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.

COMMUNITY HEALTH

Given the seasonal spike in COVID cases and the spread of other infectious diseases like flu and RSV, we encourage the wearing of masks when we are together. Masks are an easy and simple way to minimize worry over sharing germs as we enjoy each other's company.

For those of you who would like to maintain social distance in the sanctuary (which has several air filters running every Sunday), the front side of the sanctuary by the wooden Lydia Breed sculpture is reserved for you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visit uucgl.org for more information and additional announcements.

Wisdom Circle

Wednesday, March 8 | 12-1:30pm

A gathering geared toward seniors to share perspectives and life experiences.

ECCO School of Prophetic Action: Spring Training Series

Wednesdays, March 8, 22, and 29 | 6-8pm

Do you want to strengthen ECCO's work for affordable housing, immigrant rights, police reform, or other issues that weigh on the hearts and minds of those in our community? Do you want to connect with powerful leaders from across the North Shore? Then join ECCO for this training! The first of 3 sessions will take place here, at UUCGL. To register: bit.ly/eccomarchtraining

Green Sanctuary Ministry Team Meeting

Friday, March 10 | 6:30pm

Would you like to do more for the environment? Would you like to put your head, hands and heart together with like-minded people? Attend our next meeting to, among other things, make plans to create a Pollinator Garden on church grounds. Email Trish at welakahao@comcast.net for location.

Winter Bird Walk

Saturday, March 11

All bird enthusiasts are welcome, including children (must be accompanied by an adult family member). More information can be found on our website or in the Weekly Update. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/2p87aptp>

Special All-Church Celebration

Sunday, March 12 | 11am

There will be an all-church celebration of our community in the Parish Hall immediately after the service. UUCGL's Board of Trustees will be hosting a special musical event and a soup luncheon. If you're feeling so inclined, bring a dish to share! We'll be celebrating the pandemic-delayed 40th anniversary of the dedication of the present meetinghouse, with special recognition of our members who have been with us for more than forty years.

Restorative Winter Meditations

Sunday, March 12 | 4-5pm | *Every other Sunday through March 26*

No prior experience is required. Whether you attend one or all sessions, please register to be informed in case of cancellations. We will meet in the Sanctuary.

Calling all Cooks in the Kitchen!

The group will explore how cooking plant-based meals together lowers the cost, promotes health, serves the planet, and...grows community. Use the QR code at right to be contacted about joining!

