ORDER OF SERVICE February 18, 2024

Ingathering Music

Introit "Oh, I Woke Up This Morning"

African American Spiritual

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn "Over My Head" No. 30 [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.

Joys and Sorrows

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn "Filled With Loving Kindness" No. 1031 [ST]]

Offertory On Bended Knees

H.T. Burleigh (1866-1949)

Our 50/50 split this month benefits the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee Guest At Your Table program, whose focus this year is to partner with global grassroots organizations that are resisting the oppressions of authoritarianism and fascism.

You can learn more at www.uusc.org/resources/congregations/gayt

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)
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Candles of Hope and Healing

Readings	from Strength To Love	Martin Luther King, Jr.

from All About Love bell hooks

Anthem "I Choose Love" Mark A. Miller

Sermon "A Liberating Love" Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein

*Hymn "There Is More Love Somewhere" No. 95 [STLT]

Sending Forth

Benediction The congregation responds: *Amen*

Postlude To a Red Rose Florence Price (1887-1953)

In recognition of Black History Month, David will be performing piano selections by Black composers from around the world. If you have any questions or comments about the composers or the music you hear this month, please don't hesitate to talk to David after the service.

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TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein, Worship Leader
Kenneth Griffith II, Director of Music
David Collins, Keyboard
The UUCGL Choir

Jason Gatlin, Livestream Service

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

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

you will consider becoming part of.

Fair Trade food items will be available for purchase in the Parish Hall during Fellowship Hour. There will be a special Valentine's Day-themed prize awarded today as well as a Valentine's craft activity for the young and the young at heart!

JOIN US!

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

Morning Meditation Group

Every day | 7:30-7:50am | Online

For more information, see uucgl.org or email Anne at aprincipe@gmail.com

Connecting Conversations: Structuring Our Ministry of Social Justice and Service

Sunday, February 18 | 11:30am-12:30pm | Fellowship Room

"Drumagic" Community Drum Circle (FOR AGES 8 AND UP)

Sunday, February 18 | 1:30-3:30 pm | Sanctuary

Tai Chi Classes

Tuesday, February 20 | 10am (Beginner); 11am (Intermediate) | Parish Hall

Parents & Caregivers as Sexuality Educators Support Group

Sunday, February 25 | 6-8pm | Parish Hall

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

5th-6th and 7th-8th Grade OWL Classes

Sunday, February 25 | 6-8pm | Fellowship Room & Skylight Room

Dialogue Group

Tuesday, February 27 | 5-6pm | Zoom

Plant-Based Cooking Group (FOR ALL AGES)

Thursday, February 29 | 5pm | UUCGL Kitchen

Saturday Craft Circle

Saturday, March 2 | 10am-2pm | Skylight Room

Sunday Evening Meditations

Sunday, March 3 | 4-4:45 pm | Sanctuary

Potluck Community Meal

Sunday, March 3 | 5-6pm | Parish Hall Sign up at uucgl.org

Wisdom Circle

Tuesday, March 5 | 12-1:30pm | Skylight Room

Church History Ministry Team Meeting

Sunday, March 10 | 11:30am-12:30pm | Fellowship Room

Ancestry—Where to Start and How to Continue Tracing Your Family History

Tuesday, March 12 | 1:30 – 3pm