

ORDER OF SERVICE

January 8, 2023

Prelude *Adagio* Marcello / Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Ingathering Chime

Introit

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn “There’s a River Flowin’ in My Soul” No. 1007 [STJ]

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 by Rev. Waldemar Argow, Jr.

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Musical Response “Spirit of Life” No. 123 [STLT]

Reflections from the Board Jack Butterworth

Offertory

Candles of Hope and Healing
You are invited to come forward and light a candle.

Reading “Carrying Hope” Vaclav Havel

Sermon “Mysterious Times” Rev. Hank Peirce

*Closing Hymn “Blue Boat Home” No. 1064 [STJ]

Sending Forth

Benediction

Congregational Response: *Amen*

Postlude *Sonata in A minor* Scarlatti

Extinguishing the Chalice

Greeting Each Other

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

TODAY’S WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Henry Istvan Peirce, Guest Minister

Kenneth Griffith II, Director of Music

David Collins, Keyboard

The UUCGL Choir

Jason Gatlin, Livestream Service

Jack Butterworth, Worship Associate

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.

UUCGL Church History Ministry Team Meeting

Today | 11:30am (Skylight Room)

Our mission is to preserve, organize, and make available pertinent materials
relating to our church. Anyone interested is welcome.

Tai Chi Classes (for Beginners)

Tuesday & Fridays | 11am | January 6-March 31

There are still a few spaces left and not too late to register!

Anti-Racism Conversation

Sunday, January 15 | 11:30am

Join Rev. Vicki after the service for a conversation on chapters 1, 2, and 4 of
Ijeoma Oluo's book *So You Want To Talk About Race*.

Restorative Winter Meditations

Every other Sunday | 4-5pm | January 15-March 26

You are invited to take a little time out of your week for restorative silence
and reconnection every other Sunday this winter. No prior experience is
required. Please register so we can inform you in case of cancellations.

Game Night

Friday, January 20 | 6:30-8:30pm

Board games and conversation for all ages. Bring a friend (or your whole
family!) and we'll provide the fun and the pizza. Please sign up at uucgl.org so
we know how much food to order.

Foundations of Unitarian Universalism

Sunday, January 22 | 11:30am-12:45pm

For those considering membership in the church or those who just want to
know more about our liberal faith tradition. Please let Rev. Vicki know if you
plan to attend (victoria.weinstein@gmail.com).

Native Plant Gardening Workshop

Wednesday, January 25 | 7-8:30pm

Join us for a free, hands-on workshop to learn the basics of native plant
gardening and winter sowing. Every attendee will be able to keep two native
plants for their own garden. Read more and sign up at uucgl.org.

Fair Trade Sales Are Back! After the service, Fair Trade food items will be available
for purchase during Fellowship Hour.