

ORDER OF SERVICE

January 15, 2023

Prelude *Adoration* Florence Price

Welcome and Announcements

Ingathering Chime

Introit “We Shall Overcome” arr. Jason Thoms

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn “I’ve Got a New Name” No. 141 [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

Prayer W.E.B. DuBois

Musical Response “There Is a Balm in Gilead” No. 1045 [STJ]

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Offertory†

Our 50/50 split this month is for Promise the Children’s “Calm Down Corners” initiative. Promise the Children will donate all funding raised this month to Lynn Vocational Technical Institute’s SELS initiative, which builds Social and Emotional Learning Spaces (SELS) — also known as “Calm Down Corners” — for public elementary schools in the Lynn community. These spaces are used in kindergarten and elementary school classrooms to serve as an effective area within a classroom for any student to utilize when emotional regulation is needed. Please make checks payable to: Promise the Children.

Candles of Hope and Healing

You are invited to come forward and light a candle.

Readings from *Strength To Love* Martin Luther King, Jr.
So You Want To Talk About Race Ijeoma Oluo

Anthem “Love Has Broken Down the Wall” Mark A. Miller

Sermon “Prophetic Challenge and Holy Discomfort”
Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein

*Closing Hymn “We’ll Build a Land” No. 121 [STLT]

Sending Forth

Benediction

Congregational Response: *Amen*

Postlude *Valse, Op. 71* Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

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†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)
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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

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.

Anti-Racism Conversation

Today | 11:30am | Fellowship Room

Join Rev. Vicki in the Fellowship Room for a discussion of the book *So You Want to Talk About Race*; you do not need to have read it to participate.

Restorative Winter Meditations

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

You are invited to take a little time for restorative silence and reconnection every other Sunday. No prior experience is required. Whether you attend one or all sessions, 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! Please sign up at uucgl.org so we know how much pizza 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 register on our website; snacks and beverages provided.

Medical Aid in Dying Forum*

Tuesday, January 24th | 12-1:30pm

Are you an advocate for medical aid in dying in MA? Join Melissa Stacy, Regional Advocacy Manager for Compassion & Choices, and Rev. Vicki for a presentation and conversation about legal and ethical issues surrounding this important legislation. See our website for more information and to register.

Poetry-Writing Workshop

Sunday, February 5 | 11:30am

Clem Schoenebeck, will lead this workshop. Kindly register if this is your first workshop or if we don't have your email information.

Innovation in Addressing Hunger — A Discussion about Advances in Food Security*

Sunday, February 12 | 12-2pm

A panel discussion about new approaches to food insecurity in our area. Featuring knowledgeable speakers and time for Q&A. Free and open to the public; reception to follow. See our website for more information.

*Also livestreaming at facebook.com/uucgl