

ORDER OF SERVICE

May 11, 2025

Prelude

Solo “Mama, A Rainbow” from *Minnie’s Boys* Larry Grossman

Minnie’s Boys was a Broadway musical about Minnie Marx, the driving force behind the famous comedy troupe, the Marx Brothers.

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn* “Mother of All” No. 91 [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.

Welcome and Invitation to Engagement

Update On Community Conversations Evan Katz, Board of Trustees

Joys and Sorrows

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Prayer

Sung Response “There’s A River” No. 1007 [STJ]

Offertory

Our 50/50 split for this month will benefit **HAWC (Healing Abuse Working for Change)**, a nonprofit organization that offers free and confidential support, advocacy, shelter, and education to survivors of domestic abuse. Find out more at hawcdv.org.

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*

Candles of Hope and Healing

Reading “First Fall” Maggie Smith

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

Sermon “Creative Casting”
Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein

Closing Hymn “Break Not the Circle” No. 323 [STLT]

Benediction

The congregation responds: *Amen!*

Postlude

Extinguishing the Chalice

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein, Worship Leader

Kenneth Griffith II, Director of Music

Bethany Aiken, Keyboard

The UUCGL Choir

Michael Martel, Usher

Anne-Marie Hakstian, Livestream Camera Operator

Please join us for Fellowship Hour in the Parish Hall (to your right as you exit the Sanctuary) after the service.

NOTE: Because of rising costs, organic fair trade food items from Equal Exchange will only be for sale at coffee hour until all inventory is sold out. Stop by the table and check out what's left — everything is marked down!



It's Pledge Season!

Your financial support is essential for keeping our physical space in prime shape and putting our Vision of Ministry into action. Please return your pledge card or pledge by the ways listed below as soon as you can so we can prepare next year's budget. Thank you! You may make your 2025-26 pledge by:

- bringing to church/mailling back the pledge card you received in the mail
- visiting uucgl.org/pledge
- emailing mypledge@uucgl.org
- contacting UUCGL's Business Administrator, Elizabeth Muller, at emuller@uucgl.org or 781-595-8836, ext. 10

JOIN US!

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

Qigong Class ALL AGES & ABILITIES WELCOME

Tuesday, May 13 | 10am | Parish Hall

Wisdom Circle

Tuesday, May 13 | 12pm | Skylight Room

Plant-Based Cooking Group ALL AGES WELCOME

Thursday, May 15 | 5-7pm | Kitchen & Parish Hall

Saturday Craft Circle

Saturday, May 17 | 10am-2pm | Skylight Room

Path to Membership: Foundations of Unitarian Universalism

Sunday, May 18 | 11:15am | Fellowship Room

For those who are interested in formally joining the church, this orientation introduces you to the history and heritage of Unitarian Universalism. Please RSVP with Rev. Vicki. Childcare provided.

Church History Team Meeting

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

Dungeons & Dragons Role-playing Group

Sunday, May 18 | 12:30-2:30 | Lower Level

"Drumagic" Community Drum Circle

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

Sunday Evening Meditations

Sunday, May 18 | 5:15-6pm | Sanctuary

Meal Making for My Brother's Table VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Tuesday, May 20 | 1pm | Parish Hall

Help make some meals for My Brother's Table! Join us to help those in need.

Tai Chi Class (Beginner) ALL AGES & ABILITIES WELCOME

Tuesday, May 20 | 9am | Parish Hall

On Tyranny: Action Support Group REGISTER AT UUCGL.ORG FOR ZOOM LINK

Tuesday, May 20 | 7:30-8:45pm | on Zoom

Do you want to move from concern to action and get more involved doing the work of protecting our democracy and local community from the threats of our current administration? Join us to get trained and equipped for effective action.

Dialogue Group

Tuesday, May 27 | 5-6pm | Zoom

Massachusetts Monarchs: A Summer Resident's Remarkable Story

Wednesday, May 28 | 7pm | Sanctuary

Join us for a free presentation on the fascinating natural history of Monarch butterflies and learn how to enhance a habitat in your own backyard. This event is hosted jointly by UUCGL and Swampscott Conservancy. Please RSVP via email to info@swampscottconservancy.org so you can be notified in the event of cancellation.