

ORDER OF SERVICE
February 19, 2023

Prelude *Solace* Scott Joplin

Welcome and Announcements Ruth Griffin

Ingathering Chime

Introit “Metta Prayer” adapted from traditional Buddhist Prayer

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn “To Mercy, Pity, Peace, and Love” No. 93 [STLT]

Chalice Lighting Ruth Griffin

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 “Voice Still and Small” No. 391 [STLT]

**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.

Reading

Anthem “The Time for Turning” Craig Courtney

Sermon “Inviting Mara to Tea” Rev. Eva Cameron

*Closing Hymn “When Our Heart is in a Holy Place” No. 1008 [STJ]

Sending Forth

Benediction

Congregational Response: *Amen*

Postlude *Invitación* Ignacio Cervantes

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)
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TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Eva Cameron, Guest Minister
Kenneth Griffith II, Director of Music
David Collins, Keyboard
The UUCGL Choir
Felix Kiene-Gualtieri, Livestream Service
Ruth Griffin, 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

Today | 11:30am | Skylight Room

The team's mission is to preserve, organize, and make available pertinent historical materials relating to our church. Everyone is welcome to the meetings!

Community Drumming Circle

Today | 1:30-3:30pm

Open to ages 10 and up, the Drum Circle plays African based rhythms along with free-formed ones that blend together in a moving, spiritual way. It is a way to express yourself. You will leave feeling inspired and relaxed. No experience necessary! Expect an afternoon of spiritual awakening, fun and meeting wonderful people. Drums are available for borrowing. Read more about it at uucgl.org/adultprograms. These events are open to the larger community so feel free to bring a friend and spread the word! Suggested donation is \$5-\$10.

Restorative Winter Meditations

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

No prior experience is required. Whether you attend one or all sessions, please register so we can inform you in case of cancellations.

Wisdom Circle

Wednesday, March 8 | 12-1:30pm

Wisdom Circle is a monthly gathering geared toward seniors to share the perspectives and life experiences of older age. All are welcome!

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

Winter Bird Walk

Saturday, March 11

It's time for our annual Winter Bird Walk! 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.

Calling all Cooks in the Kitchen!

An inaugural team of cooks is forming and it's never too late to participate! Anne Principe is organizing a group to 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!

