

ORDER OF SERVICE
April 30, 2023

Prelude *Quiet Pieces* Natalia Jespersen (b. 1986)

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit

Call to Worship by Andrea Gibson

*Opening Hymn "I Brought My Spirit to the Sea" No. 4 [STLT]

Chalice Lighting by Octavia Butler

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

Hymn "The Lone, Wild Bird" No. 15 [STLT]

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Offertory†

Our 50/50 split for March will benefit Newhall Fields Community Farm in Peabody. This community farm focuses on advancing people's right to grow nutritious food in a healthy and sustainable way, and provides hunger relief through an affordable farm share program and donations to emergency food providers. The project is lead by an experienced farmer and they grow 40 different varieties of vegetables and 140 different herbs.

With your support, Newhall Fields will launch their third cohort of Youth Crew interns this summer. This combined work-based teaching and learning program engages high school students in skill building, farming, teamwork, and leadership training.

Candles of Hope and Healing

You are invited to come forward and light a candle.

Reading from Ann Morrow Lindbergh's *Gift from the Sea*

Anthem "Music of Life" B.E. Boykin

Sermon "Changing with the Tides" Rev. Tara Humphries

Hymn "My Life Flows On in Endless Song" No. 108 [STLT]

Sending Forth Words by Andrea Gibson

Benediction

Congregational Response: *Amen*

Postlude *Andante Grazioso* Kate Emma Boundy (1865-1913)

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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. Tara Humphries, Guest Minister
Kenneth Griffith II, Director of Music
Laura Hargrove, Keyboard
The UUCGL Choir
Jason Gatlin, Livestream Service
Dawn Stewart, Usher
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

Our choir members are going mask-optional for the first time in three years, choosing to test regularly and stay home if presenting any symptoms of illness. We recommend that all members of the community continue to use testing, masking and quarantining to mitigate the spread of Covid and other infectious diseases. The front side of the sanctuary opposite the choir is reserved for those who would like to continue to practice social distancing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visit uucgl.org for more information and additional announcements.

Dialogue Group

Wednesday, May 3 | 8-9pm | Zoom Gathering (see website for link)
“Dialogue” is a way of practicing deep listening that enables us to share personal experiences and thoughts in a way that collectively builds a more expansive understanding of ourselves and the world around us. Join us!

Saturday Craft Group

Saturday, May 6 | 10am-2pm (drop in anytime)
Bring your crafts! This group meets on Saturday mornings twice a month.

Poetry Writing Workshop with Clem Schoenebeck

Sunday, May 7 | 11:30am-12:30pm
Our Art & Spirituality Workshop series for adults is a way to share art-based spiritual practices with each other. Join us — all are welcome!

Sunday Evening Meditations

Sunday, May 7 (and every other Sunday through June 4) | 4-5pm
No prior experience is required. For details and to register, see uucgl.org

Wisdom Circle

Wednesday, May 10 | 12-1:30pm | Skylight Room
Wisdom Circle is a monthly gathering geared toward seniors to share the perspectives and life experiences of older age. Read more at uucgl.org

Spring Bird Walk

Saturday, May 13 | 8:30/9:00am | Marblehead
People can't stop “raven” about our bird walks! Our next one will be at the Marblehead Audubon Sanctuary and all are invited! Please check the website for more information and don't forget to register.

Church History Ministry Team Meeting

Sunday, May 14 | 11:30am-12:30pm | Skylight Room
The Church History Team's mission is to preserve, organize, and make available pertinent materials relating to our church. All are welcome!

Meal Bags for My Brother's Table

Tuesday, May 16 | 6:30pm | Parish Hall
We will be gathering again to make meals on May 16th. Please let Michael know if you plan on attending: michaelcelona@yahoo.com