

ORDER OF SERVICE  
September 24, 2023

Ingathering Music

Introit “Wisdom” Robert Sanders

Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn “Love Knocks and Waits for Us to Hear” (v. 1, 2, 4)  
No. 1029 [STJ]

Chalice Lighting

Unison Affirmation

Love is the doctrine of this church,  
The quest for truth its sacrament,  
And service is 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

Joys and Sorrows

*You are invited to share important milestones and prayer requests with the community. Please bear in mind that we are livestreaming when sharing about people's health.*

Prayer and Meditation

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*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Sung Response “Filled With Loving Kindness” No. 1031 [STJ]  
*We move from a prayer for ourselves, to each other, and then to all beings.*

Offertory *Serenata Andaluza* Manuel de Falla

Our 50/50 split for September benefits the **Friends of Lynn and Nahant Beach.**

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 “The Good News”  
by Thich Nhat Hanh, Vietnamese monk and peace activist

Anthem “The Road Not Taken” Ruth Elaine Schram

Dialogue Sermon “Transforming Moments”  
Jack Butterworth, Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein

Hymn “Creative Love, Our Thanks We Give” No. 289 [STLT]

Sending Forth  
the words of Stephen Biko, South African Civil Rights Leader

Benediction

The congregation responds: *Amen*

Postlude *The Message (from Danzas Cubanas)* Ignacio Cervantes

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*In honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month, David will be featuring solo piano music by Hispanic composers. If you have any questions about the music or the composers, David would be more than happy to chat with you after the service.*

## TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein, Parish Minister

Kenneth Griffith II, Director of Music

Jack Butterworth, Dialogue Partner

David Collins, Keyboard

The UUCGL Choir

Dawn Stewart, Usher

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## 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.

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

*A reminder: Fair Trade food items will be available for purchase during Fellowship Hour.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visit [uucgl.org](http://uucgl.org) for more information and additional announcements.

### **\*CANCELLED\* Sunset Beach Potluck and Bonfire**

Regretfully, the bonfire potluck on the beach has been cancelled due to rain.

### **Dialogue Group**

Wednesday, September 27 | 8-9pm | Zoom

All are welcome! Visit [uucgl.org](http://uucgl.org) for more info.

### **Plant-Based Cooking Group (FOR ALL AGES)**

Thursday, September 28 | 5pm | UUCGL Kitchen

All are welcome! Please sign up if interested — visit [uucgl.org](http://uucgl.org) for more info.

### **Sunday Evening Meditations**

October 1 | 4-5 pm | Sanctuary

You are invited to join us, to take a little time out of your week for restorative silence and reconnection. Please register at [uucgl.org](http://uucgl.org) if you haven't yet.

### **Saturday Craft Circle**

Saturday, October 7 | 10am-2pm | Skylight Room

All kinds of crafts are welcome! Drop in anytime between 10am and 2pm.

### **Church History Ministry Team Meeting**

Sunday, October 8 | 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.

### **Wisdom Circle**

Tuesday, October 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. Join us!

### **"Drumagic" Community Drum Circle**

October 15 | 1:30-3:30 pm | Sanctuary

Open to individuals 10 years-old and up, no experience necessary! Drums are available for borrowing. Bring a friend, and spread the word!

### **Walk for My Brother's Table**

Sunday, October 15 | 1:30pm | Swampscott

Walk with UUCGL to help raise money for My Brother's Table! You can also walk "virtually" by sponsoring our team at <https://tinyurl.com/UUCGL4MBT>. Feel free to invite friends & neighbors to join/sponsor us.

### **Sunday Evening Potluck Community Meal**

Sunday, October 15 | 5pm | Parish Hall

Join us for a meal and time for connection and conversation. You may come for just the meal, or plan to stay afterward from 6:30-8:30 to connect with others. Please sign up! See [uucgl.org](http://uucgl.org) for details.