

ORDER OF SERVICE
November 20, 2022

Prelude *Midday Thoughts* Aaron Copland

Welcome and Announcements

Ingathering Chime

Introit Excerpt from “Thanksgiving Song”
Mary Chapin Carpenter

Call to Celebration

*Opening Hymn “We Give Thanks” No. 1010 [STJ]

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.

Table Grace and Gratitude

Sung Response Excerpt from “Ubi Caritas” Ola Gjeilo

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Reflection “Why We Make Sandwiches” Michael Celona

Offertory *Cedar* Connor Chee

Our 50/50 partner organization[†] this month is the St. Stephen’s Food Pantry. Please make checks payable to: St. Stephen’s Church.

Candles of Hope and Healing

You are welcome to light a candle at the altar table.

Reading “Prayer For My Family”
Robert Louis Stevenson

Anthem “Simple Gifts” Copland

Sermon “Table Grace”
Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein

*Closing Hymn “We Sing Now Together” No. 67 [STLT]

Benediction

Congregational Response: *Amen*

Postlude *Troubled Water* Margaret Bonds

Extinguishing the Chalice

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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)
- all checks payable to the charity will go to the charity

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

The 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.

COMMUNITY HEALTH

With a return to cooler weather, indoor activities, and more of us together at church, we encourage members of our congregation to follow CDC guidance, get the latest vaccinations for Covid and flu, and please join us virtually if you have any symptoms of illness. Masks are available at the front door and our choir remains masked. Seating for those who wish to observe social distancing is reserved at the front of the sanctuary at the right hand side. Access our latest Community Health Advisory Team Update on our website at: uucgl.org/communityhealth.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visit uucgl.org for more information and additional announcements.

Connecting Conversations

TODAY, November 20 & Sunday, December 18 | 11:30am

A conversation with one of our ministers about Unitarian Universalism, your spiritual experience and hopes, and more about our community and mission. Grab some coffee and meet in the Fellowship Room (the library at the front entrance of the building).

Candle Magick Workshop

Sunday, November 27 | 3pm

Join us for SilverWood Coven and Grove's Candle Magick Workshop, where you will learn about: candle anatomy and elemental association; colors, oils, symbols and other ways to charge your candles with intent; moon phases and how they impact your magick; and more! If you would like to join us, please RSVP to silverwoodcoven@gmail.com.

Aging Bravely: A Conversation For 55+ (second session)

Wednesday, November 30 | 12pm

Rev. Vicki leads a conversation and set of journaling exercises on the challenges and opportunities of aging. At church and on Zoom! Register by scanning the QR code at right with your smartphone, or visit uucgl.org. You are welcome to attend even if you missed the first session.



Art & Spirituality Series: Poetry-Writing Workshop

December 4 | 11:30am-12:30pm

Award-winning resident poet, Clem Schoenebeck, will present another poetry-writing workshop as part of our Art & Spirituality Series. Please RSVP to Chris Scheller at chris.scheller@gmail.com so we can plan appropriately. This event is open to the larger community so please feel free to bring a friend and spread the word! More information at uucgl.org.

How to Rid Ourselves of Plastic Pollution

Monday, December 12 | 6:30pm (In Person & Online)

Join Maria Sabrina Auclair, founder of Unpacked Living, Inc. and the Facebook page Zero Waste Massachusetts, as she discusses how she helps everyday people take responsibility for the waste they produce, the products they use, and the impact they have on themselves and the environment. The event will be held in our sanctuary and live on our Facebook page. Visit uucgl.org for more information about this event, hosted by UUCGL and the Swampscott Conservancy.

REMINDER:

Next week's service will be online! Go to our Facebook page or uucgl.org for details.