

ORDER OF SERVICE
November 19, 2023

Ingathering Music

Introit “Joy Shall Come in the Morning”
Mary Alice Amidon

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn “Come, Ye Thankful People” No. 68 [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.

The Haudensosaunee Thanksgiving Address (The Words That Come
Before All Else)

from Robin Wall-Kimmerer, *Braiding Sweetgrass*

Joys, Sorrows and Gratuities

Prayer

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Musical Response “Spirit of Life”

Reflection “Green Peppers and Grace”
Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein

Anthem *Simple Gifts* arr. Aaron Copland

Offertory *Thanksgiving* George Winston

Our 50/50 split this month benefits **St. Stephen’s Food Pantry** in Lynn.

*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

Prayer “Prayer For My Family” Robert Louis Stevenson

*Closing Hymn “For the Beauty of the Earth” No. 21 [STLT]

Benediction

Congregational Response: *Amen*

Postlude *Gratitude* Edvard Grieg

Extinguishing the Chalice

Greeting Each Other

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein, Parish Minister

Kenneth Griffith II, Director of Music

David Collins, Keyboard

The UUCGL Choir

Loretta Connolly, Usher

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.

Please join us for coffee and fellowship 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 in the Parish Hall during Fellowship Hour.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visit uucgl.org for more information and additional announcements.

Food Drive

Throughout the month of November

The Social Justice Ministry Team is holding a food drive to benefit St. Stephen's Food Pantry in Lynn. You can help by dropping food off in the bins located in the church foyer. Please donate any of the following items: peanut butter, jelly, canned soup, or canned vegetables.

"Drumagic" Community Drum Circle

Today | 1:30-3:30 pm | Sanctuary

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Tonight | 7pm | The First Church in Swampscott, 40 Monument Ave.

Tai Chi Class (Intermediate Level)

Tuesday, November 21 | 11am | Parish Hall

Dialogue Group

Wednesday, November 22 | 8-9pm | Zoom

Sunday Evening Meditations

Sunday, November 26 | 4-5 pm | Sanctuary

Registration required; see uucgl.org

Pizza Community Meal

Sunday, November 26 | 5pm | Parish Hall

Sign up at uucgl.org

Tailwinds

Wednesday, November 29 | 6:30pm | Parish Hall

Live raptor presentation for all ages! Save your seat at uucgl.org

Saturday Craft Circle

Saturday, December 2 | 10am-2pm | Skylight Room

Holly Jolly Sunday

Sunday, December 10 | 10am

Attend the debut of our children's winter video pageant during worship, then all ages are invited to help prepare some treats and cheer for the Lynn Shelter Association's holiday party (please RSVP at uucgl.org, this will be catered!)

Church History Ministry Team Meeting

Sunday, December 10 | 11:30am-12:30pm | Skylight Room

Plant-Based Cooking Group (FOR ALL AGES)

Thursday, December 14 | 5pm | UUCGL Kitchen

Holiday Party for Lynn Shelter Association **SAVE THE DATE!**

Saturday, December 16 | 6pm | Knights of Columbus hall, KOC Hall, Lynn