

ORDER OF SERVICE
March 12, 2023

Prelude *Melody* Myroslav Skoryk

Welcome and Announcements

Ingathering Chime

Introit “There’s a Light” arr. Ysaye Barnwell

Call to Worship

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

Chalice Lighting Jack Butterworth

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 “Spirit of Life” No. 123 [STLT]

Reflection Mary Gatlin

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Offertory†

Our 50/50 split for March will benefit the school children in Homoródkeményfalva, the village of our partner church in the Transylvania region of Romania. The funds we send will help provide books and educational resources for the children who attend the village school. (Visit uucgl.org/partnerchurch to learn more about our partner church and see pictures of it and the surrounding village, which were taken by UUCGL members who have visited over the years.)

Candles of Hope and Healing

You are invited to come forward and light a candle.

Reading from *Blessing The World: What Can Save Us Now*
Rebecca Ann Parker

Anthem “Now Is the Time” Jim Papoulis

Reflection “Subscribed” Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein

*Closing Hymn “All Are Called”
Kimberley Debus & Kiya Heartwood

Congregation is invited to sing the refrain.

Refrain:

All are called to this moment.

All are called in many ways.

Hearts knit strong by compassion.

All are called to this day!

Benediction

Postlude

**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 UUCGL will go only to the church—and toward your pledge—unless otherwise designated (e.g. writing “Partner Church” on the memo line)
- all checks payable to the charity will go to the charity

During the services in March, David Collins will be performing piano music by Ukrainian composers. Please speak to him after the service if you’d like more information about the music or the composers. He would love to discuss it with anyone who is interested.

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein, Parish Minister
Kenneth Griffith II, Director of Music
David Collins, Keyboard
The UUCGL Choir
Jason Gatlin, Livestream Service
Jack Butterworth, Worship Associate
Doreen Hodgkin, 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.

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.

Special All-Church Celebration

Today | 11 am

Come to a celebration of our community in the Parish Hall immediately after the service! UUCGL's Board of Trustees will be hosting a special musical event and a soup luncheon. We'll be celebrating the pandemic-delayed 40th anniversary of the dedication of the present meetinghouse, with special recognition of our members who have been with us for more than 40 years.

Restorative Winter Meditations

Sunday, March 12 | 4-5pm | *Every other Sunday through March 26*

No prior experience is required. Whether you attend one or all sessions, please register to be informed in case of cancellations. We will meet in the Sanctuary.

Community Drumming Circle

Sunday, March 19 | 1:30-3:30pm

Open to individuals 10 years old and up. No experience necessary and drums are available for borrowing. You will leave feeling inspired and relaxed. Feel free to bring a friend and spread the word! Suggested donation is \$5-\$10.

Poetry Writing Workshop

Sunday, April 2 | 11:30am

Our Art & Spirituality series continues! Award-winning resident poet, Clem Schoenebeck, will lead this workshop. Read more about Clem on our website.

Vernal Pool Presentation

Monday, April 3 | 6:30pm

Would you like to learn about vernal pools and the complex web of life they support? Save the date for this presentation. Registration information to come!

Ferry Beach Weekend Retreat for All Ages

April 28-April 30 (Friday night is optional)

Come to our annual all-church all-ages weekend retreat at Ferry Beach in Saco, Maine! See our website for more information and how to sign up. *We do not want finances to prevent anyone from experiencing this wonderful weekend: please reach out to Rev. Chris to request a campership to help with the costs.*

Cooks in the UUCGL Kitchen

Join us 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!

