

ORDER OF SERVICE

October 15, 2023

Ingathering Music

Introit *La rosa y el sauce* Carlos Guastavino

The rose was opening
La rosa se iba abriendo

I hugged the willow
Abrazaba al sauce

The passionate, passionate tree
El árbol apasionado, apasionado

I loved her so much
La amaba tanto

But the girl, the flirtatious girl
Pero la niña, la niña coqueta

It has been stolen
Se la ha robado

And the disconsolate willow is crying for her
Y el sauce desconsolado la está llorando

He is crying
La está llorando

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn “Gathered Here” No. 389 [STLT]

Gathered here in the mystery of the hour
Gathered here in one strong body
Gathered here in the struggle and the power —
Spirit draw near.

Chalice Lighting

Community Affirmation

In the bonds of fellowship and love we unite
To cultivate reverence
To promote spiritual growth and ethical commitment
To minister to each other’s needs and to those of all living things,
And to honor the holiness at the heart of being.

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Welcome

Joys and Sorrows

Prayer and Meditation

Sung Response “Dona Nobis Pacem” (Grant Us Peace)
No. 388 [STLT]

Offertory *Alvorecer (Dawn)* Heitor Villa-Lobos

Our 50/50 split this month benefits the **Lynn Shelter Association**.

The Lynn Shelter Association provides emergency shelter and care to over 1,000 people currently experiencing homelessness. Please learn more about this important program at LSAHome.org. We will be partnering with the LSA on December 16, from 6-9pm, to provide a holiday party for their guests.

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)
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Candles of Hope and Healing

Reading “Impassioned Clay” Ralph Helverson
No. 654 [STLT]

Anthem “Music of Life” B.E. Boykin

Sermon “Spiritual But Not Religious”
Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein

Hymn “With Heart and Mind” No. 300 [STLT]

Sending Forth

Benediction

The congregation responds: *Amen*

Postlude *Mazurka No. 1* Manuel Ponce

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein, Parish Minister

Daniel Parsley, Guest Choir Director

David Collins, Keyboard

The UUCGL Choir

Mike Martel, Usher

Kathryn Pfaltzgraff, Worship Associate

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need a robust team of ushers so that the responsibility of taking on this role does not continue to fall to a small group of faithful folks. Please let Mike Martel or Rev. Vicki know that you would like to support the Sunday service this way.

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.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visit uucgl.org for more information and additional announcements.

Conversation on the Israel/Hamas Conflict

Today | 11:30am

Rev. Vicki invites you to a mediated conversation on the Israel/Hamas conflict after the service. We will share some thoughts and much silence.

Walk for My Brother's Table

Today | 1:30pm | Swampscott

Walk with or sponsor the UUCGL team to help raise money for My Brother's Table! See uucgl.org for more info. Feel free to invite friends & neighbors.

"Drumagic" Community Drum Circle

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

Open to individuals 10 years-old and up, no experience necessary!

Sunday Evening Meditations

Today | 4-5 pm | Sanctuary

Sunday Evening Potluck Community Meal

Sunday, October 15 | 5pm | Parish Hall

Join us for potluck! You may come for just the meal, or plan to stay afterward to connect with others. See uucgl.org for details.

Saturday Craft Circle

Saturday, October 21 | 10am-2pm | Skylight Room

Foundations of Unitarian Universalism: Path To Membership

Sunday, October 22 | 11:30am – 1pm | Fellowship Room

If you are considering signing the book and becoming a voting member of the congregation, this is for you.

Atlantic White Shark Conservancy Presentation

Wednesday, October 25 | 6:30pm | Sanctuary

Wondering about the increase of shark sightings off the MA coast? Join us for this informational presentation! RSVP at uucgl.org to reserve your seat.

Dialogue Group

Wednesday, October 25 | 8-9pm | Zoom

Plant-Based Cooking Group (FOR ALL AGES)

Thursday, October 26 | 5pm | UUCGL Kitchen

All are welcome! Please sign up if interested — visit uucgl.org for more info.

UUCGL Annual Halloween Party

Sunday, October 29 | 11:00am | Parish Hall

Children and adults are welcome to come to church in costume and enjoy some holiday treats, games, and activities right after the service!

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