

ORDER OF SERVICE  
January 21, 2024

Ingathering Music

Introit “When We Are Singing” arr. Padworski

Call to Worship “Nothing Personal” James Baldwin

\*Opening Hymn “Shall We Gather at the River” No. 1046 [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.

Joys and Sorrows

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn “Voice Still and Small” No. 391 [STLT]

Offertory *Sonata No. 20 (Andantino)* Franz Schubert

Our 50/50 split this month benefits **UU Mass Action**.

*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 from *When Things Fall Apart: Heart Advice for Difficult Times*  
Pema Chodron

Anthem “In Time of Silver Rain” Sarah Quartel  
Poem by Langston Hughes

Sermon “Suddenly” Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein

\*Hymn “My Life Flows On in Endless Song” No. 108 [STLT]

Sending Forth *Sonnets from The River Duddon: After-Thought*  
William Wordsworth

Benediction

The congregation responds: *Amen*

Postlude *The Little Bird* Edvard Grieg

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*\*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

Michael Martel, 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 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.*

## JOIN US!

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

### Morning Meditation Group

Every day | 7:30-7:50am | Online

For more information, email Anne at [aprincipe@gmail.com](mailto:aprincipe@gmail.com)

### Path to Membership

Sunday, January 21 (also Sunday, January 28) | 11:15am | Fellowship Room

Are you interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism and our congregation? The sessions are fun, informative, and a great way for you and the church to get to know each other better. Details at [uucgl.org](http://uucgl.org)

### "Drumagic" Community Drum Circle

Sunday, January 21 | 1:30-3:30 pm | Sanctuary

### Sunday Evening Meditations

Sunday, January 21 | 4-5 pm | Sanctuary

Registration required; see [uucgl.org](http://uucgl.org)

### Potluck Community Meal

Sunday, January 21 | 5-7pm | Parish Hall

Sign up at [uucgl.org](http://uucgl.org)

### 5th-6th Grade OWL (FIRST CLASS)

Sunday, January 21 | 6-8pm | "Faces" Room

### 7th-8th Grade OWL

Sunday, January 21 | 6-8pm | Skylight Room

### Youth Group

Sunday, January 21 | 6-8pm | Lower Level

### Parents & Caregivers as Sexuality Educators Support Group (FIRST MEETING)

Sunday, January 21 | 6-8pm | Fellowship Room

Sessions are designed to meet the needs of adults raising children of a wide age range, from elementary through high school. Read more at [uucgl.org](http://uucgl.org)

### Tai Chi Classes

Tuesday, January 23 | 10am (Beginner); 11am (Intermediate) | Parish Hall

### Dialogue Group (NEW SCHEDULE!)

Tuesday, January 23 | 5-6pm | Zoom

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

Thursday, January 25 | 5pm | UUCGL Kitchen

### Saturday Craft Circle

Saturday, February 3 | 10am-2pm | Skylight Room