

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**April 23, 2023**

Prelude *To a Wild Rose*, Op. 51, No. 1  
Edward MacDowell

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Chime

Introit *The Oneness of Everything* Jim Scott

Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn “Oh Give Us Pleasure in the Flowers” No. 64 [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.

Community Joys and Sorrows

Prayer

Musical Response “Winds Be Still” No. 83 [STLT]

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Offertory<sup>†</sup> *The Spruce Tree*, Op. 75, No. 5 Jean Sibelius

Introduced by Jeanette McGinn, Newhall Fields Community Farm

Our 50/50 split for March will benefit Newhall Fields Community Farm in Peabody. This community farm focuses on advancing people’s right to grow nutritious food in a healthy and sustainable way, and provides hunger relief through an affordable farm share program and donations to emergency food providers. The project is led by an experienced farmer and they grow 40 different varieties of vegetables and 140 different herbs.

With your support, Newhall Fields will launch their third cohort of Youth Crew interns this summer. This combined work-based teaching and learning program engages high school students in skill building, farming, teamwork, and leadership training.

Candles of Hope and Healing

*You are invited to come forward and light a candle.*

Reading from “Eve’s Diary” Mark Twain, adapted

Reflection “No Name Creation” Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein

Anthem “As Torrents in Summer” Edward Elgar

Reflection “Silence With the Stag” Janet Bendowitz

Musical Response “The Wordless Mountains Bravely Still”—v.5  
Music Franz Joseph Haydn; Lyrics Philip A. Porter  
No. 81 [STLT]

*The earth and water, fire and air  
The elements of wondrous grace,  
The glory of creation rare  
Encircles us in its embrace.*

Sending Forth

\*Closing Hymn “For The Earth Forever Turning” No.163 [STLT]

Benediction

Congregational Response: *Amen*

Postlude *Spring Dance*, Op. 47, No. 6 Edvard Grieg

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<sup>†</sup>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

Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein, Parish Minister

Kenneth Griffith II, Director of Music

David Collins, Keyboard

The UUCGL Choir

Jason Gatlin, Livestream Service

Mike Martel, Usher

Worship Team: Chris Hansen, Janet Bendowitz, Jeanette McGinn

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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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## COMMUNITY HEALTH

Our choir members are going mask-optional for the first time in three years, choosing to test regularly and stay home if presenting any symptoms of illness. We recommend that all members of the community continue to use testing, masking and quarantining to mitigate the spread of Covid and other infectious diseases. The front side of the sanctuary opposite the choir is reserved for those who would like to continue to practice social distancing.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### Sunday Evening Meditations

Today (and every other Sunday through June 4) | 4-5pm

No prior experience is required. For details and to register, see [uucgl.org](http://uucgl.org)

### Ferry Beach All-Church All-Ages Retreat Weekend

April 28-30th

### Dialogue Group

Wednesday, May 3 | 8-9pm | Zoom Gathering (see website for link)

"Dialogue" is a way of practicing deep listening that enables us to share personal experiences and thoughts in a way that collectively builds a more expansive understanding of ourselves and the world around us. Join us on Zoom, all are welcome!

### Saturday Craft Group

Saturday, May 6 | 10am-2pm

The UUCGL Craft Group meets on Saturday mornings twice a month. Join us!

### Poetry Writing Workshop with Clem Schoenebeck

Sunday, May 7 | 11:30am-12:30pm

Our Art & Spirituality Workshop series for adults is a way to share art-based spiritual practices with each other. Join us — all are welcome!

### How to Stay Social as a Senior

Wednesday, May 17 | 12-1pm

Join us as we hear from a panel of local experts on how to assuage loneliness, make social connections, and stay social as a senior. See [uucgl.org](http://uucgl.org) for more info and to register.

### Community Drum Circle

Sunday, May 21 | 1:30-3:30 pm | (Sanctuary)

Open to individuals 10 years-old and up, no experience necessary! Come have an afternoon of spiritual awakening, fun and meeting wonderful people. Drums are available for borrowing. Feel free to bring a friend and spread the word!

### Spring Tai Chi Classes

Tuesdays, 11am (Beginner) | Through June 27

Fridays, 11am (Intermediate) | Through June 30

Classes are starting, but you can still sign up! Register at [uucgl.org/taichi](http://uucgl.org/taichi)

**A reminder:** after the service, Fair Trade food items will be available for purchase during Fellowship Hour.