

ORDER OF SERVICE
February 5, 2023

Prelude "Allemande"
from French Suite No. 5 in G J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Ingathering Chime

Introuit "Let There Be Light" Robert Fleming

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn "Earth was Given as a Garden" No. 207 [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

Pastoral Prayer

Musical Response "Winds Be Still" No. 83 [STLT]

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Offertory

Our 50/50 split this month is for Promise the Children's "Calm Down Corners" initiative. Promise the Children will donate all funding raised this month to Lynn Vocational Technical Institute's SELS initiative, which builds Social and Emotional Learning Spaces (SELS) — also known as "Calm Down Corners" — for public elementary schools in the Lynn community. These spaces are used in kindergarten and elementary school classrooms to serve as an effective area within a classroom for any student to utilize when emotional regulation is needed. Please make checks payable to: Promise the Children.

Candles of Hope and Healing

You are invited to come forward and light a candle.

Readings "Damaged" Donald Adamson

Anthem "The Time for Turning" Craig Courtney

Sermon "Planting Trees: On Time and Shade"
Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein

*Closing Hymn "My Life Flows On in Endless Song" No. 108 [STLT]

Verses 1&2: All

Verse 3: Choir

Verse 4:

I lift my eyes, the clouds grow thin -
I see the blue above it.
And day by day this pathway clears,
Since first I learned to love it.
The peace of God restores my soul,
A fountain ever springing.
All things are mine since I am love,
How can I keep from singing?

Sending Forth "Daily" by Naomi Shihab Nye

Benediction

Congregational Response: *Amen*

Postlude "Spring Song", Op. 62, no. 6 Felix Mendelssohn

Greeting Each Other

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TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein, Parish Minister
Kenneth Griffith II, Director of Music
Marnen Laibow-Koser, Pianist
The UUCGL Choir
Jason Gatlin, Livestream Service

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.

Poetry-Writing Workshop

Today | 11:30am

Clem Schoenebeck will lead this workshop in the Fellowship Room.

Wisdom Circle

Wednesday, February 8 | 12pm

This gathering is geared toward seniors to share the perspectives and life experiences of older age. It is intended to be supportive and informative, a program both of faith development and pastoral ministry. Join us!

Innovation in Addressing Hunger — A Discussion about Advances in Food Security*

Sunday, February 12 | 12-2pm

A panel discussion about new approaches to food insecurity in our area. Featuring knowledgeable speakers and time for Q&A. Free and open to the public; reception to follow. See our website for more information.

Restorative Winter Meditations

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

No prior experience is required. Whether you attend one or all sessions, please register so we can inform you in case of cancellations.

Dialogue Group

Sunday, February 12 | 5pm (Zoom)

New participants always welcome. See uucgl.org/adultprograms for info.

Native Plant Gardening Workshop (FULL)

Wednesday, February 15th | 7-8:30pm

If you registered for the original date you are automatically still registered unless you have contacted us and said otherwise. Since the event is at capacity, please email Mary at mkgualtieri@uucgl.org if you are registered but cannot attend the workshop or to be put on the waiting list.

Calling all Cooks in the Kitchen!

You're invited to be a part of an inaugural team of cooks in the UUCGL Kitchen. The plan is to get together to explore how cooking plant-based meals together lowers the cost, promotes health, serves the planet and...grows community. Use your smart phone to scan the QR code at right or use the link in the Weekly Update newsletter to be contacted about your interest and general availability.



*Also livestreaming at facebook.com/uucgl