ORDER OF SERVICE October 22, 2023

Ingathering Music

Introit "Where Do We Come From?"

Brian Tate

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

No. 126 [STLT]

Chalice Lighting

Unison Affirmation No. 459 [STLT]

William F. Schulz

Welcome

Joys and Sorrows

You are invited to share important milestones and prayer requests with the community. Please bear in mind that we are livestreaming when sharing about people's health.

Prayer and Meditation

Sung Response "Dona Nobis Pacem" (Grant Us Peace)

No. 388 [STLT]

Offertory

Peace Piece

Bill Evans

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)
- all checks payable to the organization will go to the organization

Candles of Hope and Healing

Readings "My Easy God Is Gone" James Kavenaugh

"Continuous Creation" Ann Fields

Anthem "There Is More Love Somewhere"

Adam & Matt Podd

Dialogue Sermon "God-Concepts"

Francene Amari-Faulkner, Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein

This dialogue includes sharing of painful stories of spiritual and physical abuse. Francene and I have prepared this dialogue in awareness that it might be upsetting to some people. I am available to meet and talk with you this evening or this week if you would like pastoral support to process what you have heard.

- Rev. Vicki

Musical Interlude "What If God Was One Of Us" Joan Osborne

Sending Forth "Of Course" Janet Hutchinson

Hymn "Creative Love, Our Thanks We Give" No. 289 [STLT]

Benediction

The congregation responds: Amen

Postlude Mazurka No. 1 Manuel Ponce

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TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein, Parish Minister
Kenneth Griffith II, Director of Music
Francene Amari-Faulkner Dialogue Partner
David Collins, Keyboard
The UUCGL Choir

Loretta Connolly & Mary Gatlin, Ushers

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.

Please join us for Fellowship Hour in the Parish Hall (to your right, as you exit the Sanctuary) after the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visit **uucgl.org** for more information and additional announcements.

Foundations of Unitarian Universalism: Path To Membership

Today | 11:15am - 12:30pm | Fellowship Room

Are you thinking about formally joining UUCGL? Are you just curious about the historical and theological foundations of this faith tradition? Join Rev. Vicki in the Fellowship Room at 11:15am for a session on our roots.

Meal & Candy Bag Making for My Brother's Table & St. Stephen's Food Pantry

Monday, October 23 | 6:30-8:30 | Parish Hall

Volunteer opportunity! See uucgl.org for sign-up information.

Ancestry – Where to Start and How to Continue Tracing Your Family History

Oct 24, 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

All are welcome. See uucgl.org for sign-up information.

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

"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.

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

Come in costume and enjoy some holiday treats, games, and activities! The Faith Development Ministry Team will be providing lots of scary snacks for party-goers, but if anyone would like to bring some "spooky food" to add to the party treats, such additions are always welcome!

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