

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**March 19, 2023**

Prelude *Prelude ("Spring")* Tatiana Stankovych

Welcome and Announcements

Ingathering Chime

Introit "Grounded and Guided" Adam Podd

Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" No. 26 [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 "Lean on Me" No. 1021 [STJ]

Offertory<sup>†</sup>

Our 50/50 split for March will benefit the school children in Homoródkeményfalva, the village of our partner church in the Transylvania region of Romania. The funds we send will help provide books and educational resources for the children who attend the village school. (Visit [uucgl.org/partnerchurch](http://uucgl.org/partnerchurch) to learn more about our partner church and see pictures of it and the surrounding village, which were taken by UUCGL members who have visited over the years.)

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

Candles of Hope and Healing

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

Reading Psalm 62 An Inclusive Language Psalter

Anthem "Pacem, Dona Nobis Pacem" Mary Lynn Lightfoot

Sermon "What Holds Us" Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein

\*Closing Hymn "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms"  
Elisha A Hoffman & Anthony J Showalter, 1887<sup>††</sup>

*Choir only:*

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Congregation:*

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

*Refrain:*

Leaning, leaning,  
safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Congregation:*

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

Benediction

Postlude *Rondo, Op. 16* Mykola Lysenko

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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 UUCGL will go only to the church—and toward your pledge—unless otherwise designated (e.g. writing "Partner Church" on the memo line)
- all checks payable to the charity will go to the charity

<sup>††</sup>Music Note: Composer Showalter said that he received letters from two of his former pupils saying that their wives had died. When writing letters of consolation, Showalter was inspired by the phrase in the Book of Deuteronomy 33:27, "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms". - Wikipedia

During the services in March, David Collins will be performing piano music by Ukrainian composers. Please speak to him after the service if you'd like more information about the music or the composers. He would love to discuss it with anyone who is interested.

## 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  
Francene Amari-Faulkner, Reader  
Trinidad Martinez, 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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## 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](http://uucgl.org) for more information and additional announcements.

### Connecting Conversation: A Deep Dive on God-Concepts

Today | 11:30

Grab a refreshment after the service then join us in the Fellowship Room for a deeper dive into God concepts: what are yours? What did you learn growing up? What did you reject, and what did you retain, reimagine and experience?

### Church History Ministry Team Meeting

Today | 11:30 | Skylight Room

### Community Drumming Circle

Today | 1:30-3:30pm

Open to individuals 10 years old and up. No experience necessary and drums are available for borrowing. You will leave feeling inspired and relaxed. Feel free to bring a friend and spread the word! Suggested donation is \$5-\$10.

### Restorative Winter Meditations

Sunday, March 26 | 4-5pm (*Last one!*)

### Poetry Writing Workshop

Sunday, April 2 | 11:30am

Our Art & Spirituality series continues! Award-winning resident poet, Clem Schoenebeck, will lead this workshop. Read more about Clem on our website.

### Vernal Ponds Presentation

Monday, April 3 | 6:30pm

Would you like to learn about vernal ponds and the complex web of life they support? Save the date for this presentation. Registration information to come!

### Ferry Beach Weekend Retreat for All Ages

April 28-April 30 (Friday night is optional)

Come to our annual all-church all-ages weekend retreat at Ferry Beach in Saco, Maine! See our website for more information and how to sign up. *We do not want finances to prevent anyone from experiencing this wonderful weekend: please reach out to Rev. Chris to request a campership to help with the costs.*

### Cooks in the UUCGL Kitchen

Join us to explore how cooking plant-based meals together lowers the cost, promotes health, serves the planet, and...grows community. As of now the meetings are Thursday evenings, but another time could be established in the future as well. Use the QR code at right to be contacted about joining!



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