

ORDER OF SERVICE  
May 7, 2023

Prelude *Prelude, Op. 10* Mélanie Bonis

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit *I Lift My Voice* Andrea Ramsey

Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn “Here We Have Gathered” No. 360 [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

Hymn “Meditation on Breathing” No. 1009 [STJ]

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

Offertory†

Our 50/50 split for May benefits the Collective Power Fund. Part of the National Network of Abortion Funds, the Collective Power Fund (CPF) will distribute \$1 million to abortion funds this year to bolster their direct abortion funding budgets. CPF will distribute the funding to 28 organizations across more than 20 states, concentrating on the South and Midwest where it's often hardest to get an abortion. Your contribution is a powerful way to take action.

Candles of Hope and Healing

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

Reading from Rev. Tandi Rogers

Anthem *Carry the Light* Andy Beck  
Elena Efthimiou, violin

Sermon “The Church Now” Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein

Congregational Sharing

Sending Forth from Rev. Karen Johnston

Hymn “With Heart and Mind” No. 300 [STLT]

Benediction

Congregational Response: *Amen*

Postlude *Scherzo, Op. 15* Clara Schumann

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†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 and Mary Gatlin, Ushers

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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.

### Foundations of Unitarian Universalist History and Theology

Today | 11:30-12:45 | Skylight Room

Are you considering formally joining the church? This Path to Membership session is a whirlwind tour through the history of Unitarianism and Universalism (at least five centuries of heresies!) and a primer on how UUCGL operates. Grab some snacks and coffee and meet Rev. Vicki in the Skylight Room.

### Poetry Writing Workshop with Clem Schoenebeck

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

### Sunday Evening Meditations

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

### Wisdom Circle

Wednesday, May 10 | 12-1:30pm | Skylight Room

### Vigil for Linda Lee

Friday, May 12 | 10:30am | Sanctuary

Linda Lee Knight, the wife of our Minister Emeritus, Rev. Vann Knight, and dearly beloved friend of many members of the congregation, will pass from this life with the assistance of Medical Aid in Dying at 11am on May 12th. We will hold a vigil for her at the church to be in spiritual connection with Linda Lee and Vann as they experience this profound transition. We will open the doors at 10:30am and Rev. Vicki will give a prayer at 11am.

### Spring Bird Walk

Saturday, May 13 | 8:30/9:00am | Marblehead

People can't stop "raven" about our bird walks! Our next one will be at the Marblehead Audubon Sanctuary and all are invited! Please check the website for more information and don't forget to register.

### Church History Ministry Team Meeting

Sunday, May 14 | 11:30am-12:30pm | Skylight Room

### Meal Bags for My Brother's Table

Tuesday, May 16 | 6:30pm | Parish Hall

We will be gathering again to make meals. Please let Michael know if you plan on attending: [michaelcelona@yahoo.com](mailto:michaelcelona@yahoo.com)

### How to Stay Social as a Senior

Wednesday, May 17 | 12-1pm | Parish Hall

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.