

ORDER OF SERVICE
March 1, 2026

Ingathering Music

Choral Introit “Acceptance” David Glasgow

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn* “Come Down, O Love Divine” No. 271 [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.

Welcome and Invitation to Engagement

Joys and Sorrows

Prayer

Sung Response “Spirit of Life” No. 123 [STLT]

Introduction to the Offering

Offertory *Preludes*, Op. 16 Clara Schumann

Clara Schumann (1819-96) was one of the most accomplished pianists of her day and performed all over Europe throughout her life. She also composed over 66 works and still managed to raise eight children with her husband Robert.

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

This month's 50/50 split will benefit **Compassion & Choices**, a national nonprofit organization working to expand access to the full range of end-of-life options and to ensure that every person can receive the care they choose when facing a terminal illness. Through advocacy, legal action, and direct support, they champion patient-directed care, advance medical aid in dying legislation, and provide free resources to help individuals and families plan and navigate end-of-life decisions with dignity and agency. Learn more at compassionandchoices.org.

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)
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Candles of Hope and Healing

Reading

“Willingness and Willfulness” *Will and Spirit: A Contemplative Psychology*
Gerald G. May

Anthem “I Dream A World” Andre Thomas

Sermon “The Wave Remembers the Ocean”
Rev. Chris Scheller

*Closing Hymn “Blue Boat Home” No. 1064 [STJ]

Benediction

The congregation responds: *Amen*

Postlude *Souvenance (“Recollection”)*, Op. 76 Cécile Chaminade

The musical talents of Cécile Chaminade (1857-1944) were discovered early on by professors at the Paris Conservatory, but her father wouldn't allow her to attend the school. She continued to study privately and eventually established herself as an important pianist and composer of the era, publishing over 400 works during her lifetime.

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TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Chris Scheller, Worship Leader

David Collins, Keyboard

The UUCGL Choir

Scott Nowka, Livestream Camera Operator

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAN YOU HELP WITH THE PLEDGE DRIVE?

The pledge drive is one of the most important things we do together each year. It's how we sustain UUCGL — not just financially, but spiritually and communally. We're looking for people who love this community and want to help propel it into the year ahead...is it you?

This is a short, six-week effort, but it shapes the entire year ahead. You won't be doing it alone — there's experience to lean on but also the chance to bring your own ideas to the table.

If you can help, or even if you're just considering it, please reach out to any Board member (see uucgl.org/board). Your help truly matters!

FERRY BEACH REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Registration is now open for our April 24-26 annual all-church, all-ages retreat at Ferry Beach in Saco, Maine! Please note that while registration will remain open until April 10th, rooms to accommodate accessibility needs or additional privacy are limited. If you require an accessible or private room, *we encourage you to register as soon as possible*. Questions? Please reach out to Rev. Chris or to Eileen.

BUILDING ACCESS

Please arrive on time for all programs as we are practicing tighter security and locking doors. We don't want to leave anyone out in the cold!

JOIN US!

(Visit uucgl.org for more information and additional announcements.)

Beginner Tai Chi Class & Qigong Class **ENROLL ANYTIME**

Tuesday, March 3 | 9am & 10am | Parish Hall

Plant-Based Cooking Group

Thursday, March 5 | 5-7pm | Kitchen

Craft Circle

Saturday, March 7 | 10am-2pm | Skylight Room

Church History Team Meeting

Sunday, March 8 | 11:30am-12:30pm | Fellowship Room

"Drumagic" Community Drum Circle

Sunday, March 8 | 1:30-3:30pm | Sanctuary

Sunday Evening Meditations

Sunday, March 8 | 5:15-6pm | Sanctuary

This is a free program of the church and no prior experience is required. See uucgl.org

Wisdom Circle

Tuesday, March 10 | 12:00-1:30pm | Skylight Room

Dialogue Group

Tuesday, March 10 | 5-6pm | Zoom

Hearts & Arts for Youth: Sunday Art Adventures to Benefit the Local Community

Sunday, March 15 | 10-11 am | Skylight Room

The kids will engage in eco-mosaic portraits: 3D self-portraits from reclaimed materials.

Sound Healing (now at UUCGL every 2 months!) **REGISTER AT UUCGL.ORG**

Sunday, March 15 | 2-4pm | Sanctuary

Step into a sacred space of resonance and renewal. Register at uucgl.org/soundhealing.

Climate Change in New England—One of the World's Fastest Warming Regions

Monday, March 16 | 6:30pm **REGISTER AT UUCGL.ORG**

UUCGL member and climate researcher Steve Young recently released a groundbreaking study revealing that New England is warming faster than almost anywhere else on the planet! Join us for this free, eye-opening presentation as he walks us through his findings.

Pondside Chorus: A Vernal Pool Experience **REGISTER AT UUCGL.ORG**

Monday, April 13 | 6:30-8pm | Parish Hall

A family-friendly exploration of vernal ponds and the amazing creatures that depend on them. Meet live animals and explore a certified vernal pool right here on the church property!

Ferry Beach All-Church, All-Ages Annual Retreat **REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

Friday evening, April 24-Sunday, April 26 | Saco, Maine

Register now! See uucgl.org for more info and to register.