

ORDER OF SERVICE

January 22, 2023

Prelude *January: At the Fireside* Tchaikovsky

Welcome and Announcements

Ingathering Chime

Introit Excerpt from “Shine on Me” arr Rollo Dilworth

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn “Mysterious Presence, Source of All” No. 92 [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 “Comfort Me” No. 1002 [STJ]

**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 From *Notes For the Everlost: A Field Guide to Grief* Kate Inglis
“A Fearful Thing” Yehuda HaLevi

Anthem “I Dream a World”
André Thomas, words by Langston Hughes

Sermon “The Change No One Signs Up For”
Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein

*Closing Hymn “I Know I Can” No. 1015 [STJ]

Sending Forth

Benediction

Congregational Response: *Amen*

Postlude *Fleecy Clouds* Mendelssohn

Greeting Each Other

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

†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)
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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

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.

Foundations of Unitarian Universalist History and Theology

Today | 11:30am-1pm

Are you considering deeper involvement or membership at UUCGL? Are you interested in learning more about the historical and theological roots of this religious tradition? Curious about how the church is governed? Then please attend this session led by Rev. Vicki.

Medical Aid in Dying Forum*

Tuesday, January 24 | 12-1:30pm

Are you an advocate for medical aid in dying in MA? Join Melissa Stacy, Regional Advocacy Manager for Compassion & Choices, and Rev. Vicki for a presentation and conversation about legal and ethical issues surrounding this important legislation. See our website for more information and to register.

Restorative Winter Meditations

Sunday, January 29 | 4-5pm | *Every other Sunday through March 26*

You are invited to take a little time for restorative silence and reconnection every other Sunday. No prior experience is required. Whether you attend one or all sessions, please register so we can inform you in case of cancellations.

Poetry-Writing Workshop

Sunday, February 5 | 11:30am

Clem Schoenebeck, will lead this workshop. Kindly register at uucgl.org if this is your first workshop or if we don't have your email information.

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.

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