

ORDER OF SERVICE
February 26, 2023

Prelude *Andante* (from Piano Sonata in E minor) Florence Price

Welcome and Announcements Ruth Griffin

Ingathering Chime

Introit “Where Do We Come From?” Brian Tate

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn “We Sing of Golden Mornings” No. 44 [STLT]

Chalice Lighting words by Rev. Gordon McKeeman

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 by Rev. Vivian T. Pomeroy

Musical Response “I Know This Rose Will Open” No. 396 [STLT]

**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.

Reading “How Do We Choose Courage?” by Rev. Meg Riley

Anthem “Hold On” Justice Choir

Sermon “If I Were King of The Forest” Rev. Hank Peirce

*Closing Hymn “Once to Every Soul and Nation” No. 119 [STLT]

Sending Forth

Benediction by Rev. Wayne Arnison

Congregational Response: *Amen*

Postlude *Bethena (A Concert Waltz)* Scott Joplin

Greeting Each Other

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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)
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TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Hank Peirce, Guest Minister
Johnny Nichols Jr., Conductor
David Collins, Keyboard
The UUCGL Choir
Scott Nowka, Livestream Service
Ruth Griffin, Worship Associate

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.

Restorative Winter Meditations

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

No prior experience is required. Whether you attend one or all sessions, please register to be informed in case of cancellations. We will meet in the Sanctuary.

Dialogue Group

Wednesday, March 1 | 8pm (on Zoom)

We are now meeting on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month. Join us!

Saturday Craft Group

Saturday, March 4 | 10am-2pm

Open to all and any kinds of crafts are welcome.

Wisdom Circle

Wednesday, March 8 | 12-1:30pm

A gathering geared toward seniors to share perspectives and life experiences.

ECCO School of Prophetic Action: Spring Training Series

Wednesdays, March 8, 22, and 29 | 6-8pm

Do you want to strengthen ECCO's work for affordable housing, immigrant rights, police reform, or other issues that weigh on the hearts and minds of those in our community? Do you want to connect with powerful leaders from across the North Shore? Then join ECCO for this training! The first of 3 sessions will take place here, at UUCGL. To register: bit.ly/eccomarchtraining

Winter Bird Walk

Saturday, March 11

All bird enthusiasts are welcome, including children (must be accompanied by an adult family member). More information can be found on our website or in the Weekly Update. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/2p87aptp>

Calling all Cooks in the Kitchen!

An inaugural team of cooks is forming and it's never too late to participate! Anne Principe is organizing a group to explore how cooking plant-based meals together lowers the cost, promotes health, serves the planet, and... grows community. Use the QR code at right to be contacted about joining!



All-Church Ferry Beach Weekend Retreat — April 28-April 30!

Stay tuned for more info in the coming weeks, but if you want to reserve a cabin/cottage, which needs to be done earlier than reserving a dorm room, please reach out to Rev. Chris Scheller. *We don't want finances to prevent anyone from coming. Please reach out to Rev. Chris to request a campership to help with the costs.*

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