

ORDER OF SERVICE
April 5, 2026 | Easter Sunday

Prelude *What Wondrous Love is This*
Appalachian folk hymn/arr. Larsen

Welcome and Announcements

Introit “If Ye Love Me” Thomas Tallis

Opening Words Rev. Art McDonald

Opening Hymn* “Bring Many Names” No. 23 [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.

Time for All Ages Rev. Art McDonald

Children’s Recessional “I Know This Rose Will Open” No. 396 [STLT]

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Reading “On Living Resurrection” Dorothee Soelle

Introduction to the Offering

The Social Justice Ministry Team will be matching all of the offerings to this month’s 50/50 split, which will benefit **Newhall Fields Community Farm**, located at 193 Lynn Street in Peabody. Their aim is to strengthen the community by creating access to nutritious vegetables & herbs through sustainable regenerative agriculture, volunteer-powered farming, and outdoor farm-based educational opportunities. Find out more at newhallfieldscommunityfarm.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)*
- *all checks payable to the organization will go to the organization*

Offertory

Candles of Hope and Healing

Reading Luke 24:13-35

Anthem *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*
Ludwig van Beethoven

Sermon “Reclaiming Jesus from Christian Nationalism”
Rev. Art McDonald

Closing Hymn* “Joyful is the Dark” (v. 1,2,4,5) No. 275 [STLT]

Benediction

The congregation responds: *Amen*

Postlude *Festive Trumpet Tune* David German

Extinguishing the Chalice

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

TODAY'S SERVICE TEAM

Rev. Art McDonald, Worship Leader
Destiny Cooper, Interim Director of Music
David Collins, Keyboard
The UUCGL Choir
Ruth Griffin, Worship Associate
Michael Martel, Usher
Scott Nowka, Livestream Camera Operator
Dave & Paula Innis, Fellowship Hour Hosts

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

EASTER EGG HUNT TODAY!

After worship, children of all ages are invited to gather in the Fellowship Room for instructions and to join us for our annual egg hunt. Eggs will be hidden. Joy will be found!

DID YOU SIGN UP FOR STORY NIGHT YET?

Join us on April 11th for a fun, laughter-filled evening of storytelling for adults 18+. Bring friends, enjoy free childcare, and be part of a night where every voice matters and every story shines.

- Tickets: \$20 — save your spot: <https://www.uucgl.org/storynight>
- Want to tell a story? Sign up now or at the door (12 spots)
- Raffle: Gorgeous themed baskets — \$5 each or 5 for \$20*
- Potluck snacks + desserts!

**Raffle Tickets will be on sale at Fellowship Hour Today!*

REGISTRATION FOR FERRY BEACH CLOSSES THIS FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH!

Register now for our April 24-26 annual all-church, all-ages retreat at Ferry Beach in Saco, Maine. Spend a cozy, relaxing weekend with community enjoying casual conversation, fun activities, healthy & delicious food, and good coffee. See uucgl.org for details. All are welcome, you do not need to be a member of the church to attend.

JOIN UUCGL AT NORTH SHORE PRIDE IN SALEM ON JUNE 27TH

The congregational survey responses indicated that folks want us to be out in the community more. *So let's do it!* We're gearing up for the North Shore Pride Parade & Festival and we need you there! **Please sign up to march in the parade and/or help with the booth (and reserve your free tee shirt!) at uucgl.org.**

JOIN US!

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

Easter Egg Hunt

Today | After the Service

"Have I Got A Story For You!" — A Live Story Sharing Event To Benefit UUCGL

Saturday, April 11 | 7pm | Parish Hall

Join us for a lively night of storytelling! Whether you want to tell a tale or just soak them in, it's a great excuse to gather friends and enjoy an evening out. Tickets at uucgl.org/storynight

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

Sunday, April 12 | 10-11am | Skylight Room

Social Justice Ministry Team Meeting

Sunday, April 12 | 11:15am | Skylight Room

We'll set future meeting times by consensus. Bring your coffee, your passion, and your ideas. These are challenging times, and working together is how we make things better. Join us!

"Drumagic" Community Drum Circle

Sunday, April 12 | 1:30-3:30pm | Sanctuary

Sunday Evening Meditations

Sunday, April 12 | 5:15-6pm | Sanctuary

Youth Group

Sunday, April 12 | 6pm | Parish Hall

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!

Wisdom Circle

Tuesday, April 14 | 12:00-1:30pm | Skylight Room

Family History Group

Tuesday, April 14 | 2:30pm | Parish Hall

Dialogue Group

Tuesday, April 14 | 5-6pm | Zoom

Plant-Based Cooking Group

Thursday, April 16 | 5-7pm | Kitchen

Tai Chi / Qigong Open House

Tuesday, April 21 | 9-11am | Parish Hall

Ferry Beach All-Church, All-Ages Annual Retreat

[REGISTER NOW!](#)

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

Community Conversations

Sunday, April 26 | (15 mins. after service ends) | Skylight Room

North Shore Pride

Saturday, June 27 | Salem

REGISTER BY APRIL 10!

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