

ORDER OF SERVICE  
March 8, 2026

Ingathering Music

Choral Introit “Dona Nobis Pacem”

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn\* “Once to Every Soul and Nation” No. 119 [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

Announcement Rebecca Greene and Debbie Boggs

Joys and Sorrows

Prayer

Sung Response “When I Breathe In” No. 1009 [STJ]

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

Introduction to the Offering

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](http://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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Offertory *Rain* Suzanne Ciani

Suzanne Ciani (b. 1946) is a Grammy-nominated composer, electronic music pioneer, and recording artist, and is considered one of the most creatively successful female composers in the world. She attended Wellesley College and UC Berkeley.

Candles of Hope and Healing

Reading The Gospel of Matthew, 18:15-22

Anthem *Soul Spring* Kathleen Tracy

Sermon “Loving your Neighbor” Rev. Hank Peirce

\*Closing Hymn “We Are Building a New Way” No. 1017 [STJ]

Benediction

The congregation responds: *Amen*

Postlude *Romance* Germaine Tailleferre

Germaine Tailleferre (1892-1983) was actually born Germaine Taillefesse, but changed her surname to spite her father, who had refused to support her musical studies. She studied at the Paris Conservatory and was part of a famous circle of musicians and artists that included Ravel, Poulenc, and Picasso. She composed around 400 works during her lifetime.

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Hank Peirce, Worship Leader  
Destiny Cooper, Interim Director of Music  
David Collins, Keyboard  
The UUCGL Choir  
Gloria Kozlosky, Worship Associate  
Michael Martel & Margot Abels, Ushers  
Steve Silva, Livestream Camera Operator

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*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.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### VIGIL FOR REV. VANN KNIGHT

Our Minister Emeritus, the Rev. H. Vann Knight, was diagnosed with a very aggressive form of lymphoma some time ago and has chosen medical aid in dying. His passing will take place in Canada on Thursday, March 12, with family at his side.

A Minister Emeritus is a former minister who has been honored by the congregation with this title in recognition of distinguished service and an enduring bond of affection. The Rev. Knight served as our Parish Minister from 2001 to 2012, offering thoughtful pastoral leadership and a ministry rooted in presence, compassion, and the art of seeing the sacred in the ordinary. Those who knew him will miss his kind words, his laughter, and his steady support. We wish him peace and comfort on his final journey, and we will gather here at UUCGL for a vigil to hold him in our thoughts and prayers during the time of his transition, at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time.

Please join us in the sanctuary on Thursday, March 12, from 9:30 to 10:30am for music, testimonials, prayer, and time together as we hold him in our thoughts and prayers at that time.

If you would like to send Rev. Vann a message, you are welcome to email him at hvannknight@gmail.com. He would enjoy hearing from you. Please know that he is surrounded by family and will not be able to respond, so please send your words as a gift freely given.

If you would like to share a testimonial or memory of Rev. Vann, please send it to Rev. Chris at cscheller@uucgl.org. We will read these remembrances aloud during our vigil. If a pastoral conversation may be helpful to you, please do not hesitate to reach out to Rev. Chris.

## JOIN US!

*(Visit [uucgl.org](http://uucgl.org) for more information and additional announcements.)*

### 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

### Beginner Tai Chi Class & Qigong Class

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

### Wisdom Circle

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

### Family History Group

Tuesday, March 10 | 2:30pm | Parish Hall

### Dialogue Group

Tuesday, March 10 | 5-6pm | Zoom

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Thursday, March 12 | 9:30-10:30 | Sanctuary

Please join us for music, testimonials, prayer, and community as we hold Rev. Vann Knight in our thoughts and prayers at the time of his passing.

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

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

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

### Sign Making Workshop

Sunday, March 15 | 11:15am

The Social Justice Ministry Team sign-making workshop is your opportunity to make a statement in the largest nonviolent protest ever held. Join us!

### Sound Healing [REGISTER AT UUCGL.ORG](http://uucgl.org)

Sunday, March 15 | 2-4pm | Sanctuary

Step into a sacred space of resonance and renewal. Register at [uucgl.org/soundhealing](http://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](http://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](http://uucgl.org)

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

**REGISTER NOW!**

**Ferry Beach  
All-Church, All-Ages  
Annual Retreat**

April 24-26  
Saco, Maine

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