

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**April 16, 2023**

Prelude *Eliyahu Hanavi* – trad. Passover prayer  
arr. Debbie Center

Welcome and Announcements

Ingathering Chime

Introit *Hands are Knockin'* Kyle Pederson

Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn "Morning Has Come" No. 1000 [STJ]

Chalice Lighting from the Muslim tradition

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

Prayer

Hymn "Alhamdulillah" ("Alleluia" in Arabic) No. 180 [STLT]

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

Offertory†

Our 50/50 split for March will benefit Newhall Fields Community Farm in Peabody. This community farm focuses on advancing people's right to grow nutritious food in a healthy and sustainable way, and provides hunger relief through an affordable farm share program and donations to emergency food providers. The project is lead by an experienced farmer and they grow 40 different varieties of vegetables and 140 different herbs.

With your support, Newhall Fields will launch their third cohort of Youth Crew interns this summer. This combined work-based teaching and learning program engages high school students in skill building, farming, teamwork, and leadership training.

Candles of Hope and Healing

*You are invited to come forward and light a candle.*

Reading "Cathedral of the World" Forrest Church

Anthem *Holy Now* Peter Mayer  
Krystal Morin, soloist

Sermon "Cultivating Reverence"  
Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein

\*Closing Hymn "Sing Out Praises for the Journey" No.295 [STLT]

Sending Forth

"On Being Called To Prayer While Cooking A Dinner For Forty"  
Patrick Donnelly

Benediction

Congregational Response: *Amen*

Postlude *Wade in the Water* – trad. Spiritual  
arr. Margaret Bonds

Extinguishing the Chalice

*\*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)
- all checks payable to the charity will go to the charity

## 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  
Trinidad Martinez, Usher

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## 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.

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## COMMUNITY HEALTH

Our choir members are going mask-optional for the first time in three years, choosing to test regularly and stay home if presenting any symptoms of illness. We recommend that all members of the community continue to use testing, masking and quarantining to mitigate the spread of Covid and other infectious diseases. The front side of the sanctuary opposite the choir is reserved for those who would like to continue to practice social distancing.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### Connecting Conversations

Today | 11:30am

Join Rev. Vicki for a "deep dive" into aspects of our theological tradition. Great for newcomers or anyone who wants to learn more. Grab a cup of coffee after the service and then join us in the Fellowship Room around 11:30.

### Church History Ministry Team Meeting

Today | 11:30am

The Church History Team's mission is to preserve, organize, and make available pertinent materials relating to our church. Anyone interested is welcome!

### Community Drum Circle

Today | 1:30 pm | (Sanctuary)

Open to individuals 10 years-old and up, no experience necessary! Come have an afternoon of spiritual awakening, fun and meeting wonderful people. Drums are available for borrowing. Feel free to bring a friend and spread the word!

### Meal Bags for My Brother's Table

Tuesday, Apr 18 | 6:30 – 8pm | (Parish Hall)

Join us for meal bag making to benefit My Brother's Table in Lynn (we will be making sandwiches). Anyone interested in helping can join us...many hands make light work! Email Michael if you plan to help: [michaelcelona@yahoo.com](mailto:michaelcelona@yahoo.com)

### Dialogue Group

Wednesday, Apr 19 | 8-9pm | Zoom Gathering (see website for link)

"Dialogue" is a way of practicing deep listening that enables us to share personal experiences and thoughts in a way that collectively builds a more expansive understanding of ourselves and the world around us. All are welcome!

### Spring Tai Chi Classes

Tuesdays, 11am (Beginner) | Through June 27

Fridays, 11am (Intermediate) | Through June 30

Classes are starting, but you can still sign up! Register at [uucgl.org/taichi](http://uucgl.org/taichi)

### Sunday Evening Meditations

Every other Sunday, April 23-June 4 | 4-5pm

No prior experience is required. For details and to register, see [uucgl.org](http://uucgl.org).

### Ferry Beach All-Church All-Ages Retreat Weekend

April 28-30th

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