



ORDER OF SERVICE
Easter Sunday ~ April 9, 2023

Prelude *Easter Sonata (I. Allegro assai moderato)*
Fanny Mendelssohn

Welcome and Announcements

Ingathering Chime

Introit *The Call from "Five Mystical Songs"*
Ralph Vaughan Williams

Opening Words

*Opening Hymn "O Day Of Light and Gladness" No. 270 [STLT]

Chalice Lighting Anne-Marie Hakstian, Shauna Guidici
and Mira Hakstian

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

Children's Recessional "Spirit of Life" No. 123 [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 "Miracle Fair" Wislawa Szymborska

Anthem *Sicut Cervus* Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
Translation: "As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God." From Psalm 42.

Reading from the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 28: 1-11

Sermon "The Hallelujah Cycle"
Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein

*Closing Hymn "O Life That Maketh All Things New" No. 12 [STLT]

Sending Forth "Evolution" John Banister Tabb

Benediction

Congregational Response: *Amen*

Postlude *Sortie* (from "L'Organiste") César Franck

Extinguishing the Chalice

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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. Dr. Victoria Weinstein, Parish Minister
Kenneth Griffith II, Director of Music
David Collins, Keyboard
The UUCGL Choir
Jason Gatlin, Livestream Service
Claire Wilson, Worship Associate
Doreen Hodgkin, Usher

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

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 for more information and additional announcements.

Easter Egg Hunt

Today | 11am

After worship, all children and youth are invited to meet in the Fellowship Room for the annual Easter Egg Hunt! Older youth are invited to participate as well as help out, if they choose. The plastic eggs will be filled with nut-free candy.

Spring Tai Chi Classes

Tuesdays, 11am (Beginner) | April 11-June 27

Fridays, 11am (Intermediate) | April 14-June 30

Starting next week! If you missed it the first time around, here's your chance to take a beginner's class. Register at uucgl.org/taichi (space is limited).

Wisdom Circle

Wednesday, April 12 | 12-1:30pm | Skylight Room

Wisdom Circle is a monthly gathering geared toward seniors to share the perspectives and life experiences of older age. All are welcome!

Saturday Craft Group

Saturday, April 15 | 10am

Community Drum Circle

Sunday, April 16 | 1:30 pm | (Sanctuary)

Church History Ministry Team Meeting

Sunday, April 16 | 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 to the meetings.

Sunday Evening Meditations

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

You are invited to take a little time out of your week for restorative silence and reconnection. These one-hour sessions, led by Chris Scheller, begin with a short lesson on a theme from the world's religions and the science of mindfulness. This is followed by guided and silent meditation and a loving-kindness practice. No prior experience is required. Please register to be notified of updates if you didn't register for the winter meditation series.

Cooks in the UUCGL Kitchen

Join us to explore how cooking plant-based meals together lowers the cost, promotes health, serves the planet, and...grows community. All ages and skill levels welcome. Use the QR code at right to be contacted about joining!



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