

ORDER OF SERVICE
March 26, 2023

Prelude *Anguish* Mykola Lysenko

Welcome and Announcements

Ingathering Chime

Introit “Soul Spring” Kathleen Tracy

Call to Worship “For Longing” John O’Donohue

*Opening Hymn “For All That is Our Life” No. 128 [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.

Community Joys and Sorrows

Pastoral Prayer

Musical Response “Spirit of Life” No. 123 [STLT]

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Offertory[†]

Our 50/50 split for March will benefit the school children in Homoródkeményfalva, the village of our partner church in the Transylvania region of Romania. The funds we send will help provide books and educational resources for the children who attend the village school. (Visit uucgl.org/partnerchurch to learn more about our partner church and see pictures of it and the surrounding village, which were taken by UUCGL members who have visited over the years.)

Candles of Hope and Healing

You are invited to come forward and light a candle.

Reading “In Our Rawness” Mark Nepo

Anthem “Each of Us” Linda Kachelmeier

Sermon “Being Seen” Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein

*Closing Hymn “Make Channels for the Streams of Love”
No. 299 [STLT]

Sending Forth from *Deep is the Hunger* Howard Thurman

Benediction

Congregational Response: *Amen*

Postlude *Lyrical Nova*, Op. 59, No. 4 Sergei Bortkiewicz

Greeting Each Other

**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 “Partner Church” or “50/50” on the memo line)
- all checks payable to the charity will go to the charity

During the services in March, David Collins will be performing piano music by Ukrainian composers. Please speak to him after the service if you’d like more information about the music or the composers. He would love to discuss it with anyone who is interested.

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
Chris Hansen, Reader
Dawn Stewart, 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

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 (Last one!)

Today | 4-5pm in the Sanctuary

All welcome, even if it's your first time. Led by Rev. Chris Scheller.

Meal Bags for My Brother's Table

Tuesday, March 28 | 6:30pm in the Parish Hall

Join us to help assemble 175 dinner bags for My Brother's Table in Lynn. Anyone who is interested in helping is welcome. More info at uucgl.org

Poetry Writing Workshop

Sunday, April 2 | 11:30am

Our Art & Spirituality series continues! Award-winning resident poet, Clem Schoenebeck, will lead this workshop. Read more about Clem on our website. Please register if you plan to attend.

Vernal Ponds Presentation & Live Animal Exhibit

Monday, April 3 | 6:30pm

Join us for a free, family-friendly event to learn about vernal ponds and the wildlife that depends on them. Space is limited: please register at uucgl.org

Spring Tai Chi Classes

Tuesdays, 11am (Beginner) | April 4-June 30

Fridays, 11am (Intermediate) | April 4-June 30

If you missed it the first time around, here's your chance to take a beginner's class. Support your health and well-being with an embodied spiritual practice this spring by taking Tai Chi classes at UUCGL! Register at uucgl.org/taichi

Ferry Beach Weekend Retreat for All Ages

April 28-April 30 (Friday night is optional)

Come to our annual all-church all-ages weekend retreat at Ferry Beach in Saco, Maine! See our website for more information and how to sign up. *We do not want finances to prevent anyone from experiencing this wonderful weekend: please reach out to Rev. Chris to request a campship to help with the costs.*

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. As of now the meetings are Thursday evenings, but another time could be established in the future as well. 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.