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Summer Sundays 2023

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements


Ingathering Chime

Call to Worship

Opening Song

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.

Joys and Sorrows/Prayers of the Community

Musical Response

Reflection

Meditation

Ritual of Healing and Wholeness

You are invited to the altar table to take a pebble and hold it in your hand.  
Put your intention for healing and wholeness into the stone and place it  
with the others in the sea water on the glass tray.

Sending Forth

Musical Response

Benediction

Congregational Response: *Amen!*

Postlude



*\*You are invited to make an offering by leaving it in the basket as you exit.*

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### WORSHIP TEAM

Kenneth Griffith III, Music Director

David Collins, Piano

Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein, Parish Minister

Rev. Chris Scheller, Minister of Community Life and Learning

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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.

### ABOUT OUR HISTORY

In the fellowship of this congregation, dedicated to freedom of religious thought, we covenant together to engage in the unceasing search for truth, the establishment of justice and the nurture of the life of the spirit.

This congregation has roots in the First Church of Christ of Lynn, organized in 1632. In 1822, a group of liberals withdrew to form the Second Congregational Society. Its first building was dedicated on South Common Street in 1832, and its second at the corner of Atlantic and Baltimore Streets in 1910. The congregation was renamed the Unitarian Church of Lynn in 1919.

The First Universalist Society, located in Lynn, was organized in 1833. Its first building was dedicated on Union Street in 1835 and its second on Nahant Street in 1873. The Swampscott Universalist Church was organized in 1889, and its building on Burrill Street was dedicated in 1891.

Between 1964 and 1966 these three churches merged to form what is now the Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lynn.

Of the original Lynn churches, the Baltimore Street meetinghouse was sold in 1971, and then on January 7, 1976, the Nahant Street meetinghouse burned. During the time of relocation, the Burrill Street (Swampscott) meetinghouse and the building next door were used for worship, meeting and office space.

On March 22, 1981, our present meetinghouse, on seven and a half acres of wooded land in Swampscott, was dedicated.

We are a Welcoming Congregation and invite your participation in the life of this community. If you are a guest, we welcome you and ask that you sign the guest book on our Welcome Table near the front entrance. If you would like to have a conversation with the minister, please contact her directly.

Find out more about our church at:  
[www.uucgl.org](http://www.uucgl.org)



*You may take this Order of Worship to share with family and friends.*

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