

ORDER OF SERVICE
October 8, 2023

Ingathering Music

Choral Introit “Now I Walk In Beauty” John Colligan

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn “Praise the Source of Faith and Learning”
No. 158 [STLT]

Chalice Lighting

Unison Affirmation

Love is the doctrine of this church,
The quest for truth its sacrament,
And service is 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

Joys and Sorrows

You are invited to share important milestones and prayer requests with the community. Please bear in mind that we are livestreaming when sharing about people's health.

Prayer

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Sung Response “Meditation on Breathing” No. 1009 [STJ]
*When I breathe in, I'll breathe in peace.
When I breathe out, I'll breathe out love.*

Offertory *Coyotes* Connor Chee

Our 50/50 split this month benefits the **Lynn Shelter Association**.

The Lynn Shelter Association provides emergency shelter and care to over 1,000 people currently experiencing homelessness. Please learn more about this important program at LSAHome.org. We will be partnering with the LSA on December 16, from 6-9pm, to provide a holiday party for their guests.

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)*
- *all checks payable to the organization will go to the organization*

Candles of Hope and Healing

Reading “The Zen Master and the Samurai”

Anthem “Spirit Seeking Light and Beauty” set by K. Griffith

Sermon “Heaven and Earth” Rev. Chris Scheller

Hymn “Woyaya” No. 1020 [STJ]

Benediction

The congregation responds: *Amen*

Postlude *Tzigane Tango* Astor Piazzolla

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

In honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month, David will be featuring solo piano music by Hispanic composers. If you have any questions about the music or the composers, David would be more than happy to chat with you after the service.

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Chris Scheller, Worship Leader

Kenneth Griffith II, Director of Music

David Collins, Keyboard

The UUCGL Choir

Doreen Hodgkin, Usher

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you livestream the service on October 15? Jason Gatlin will be out, and we can easily train you. It is a very simple process and we will help. See Rev. Vicki.

We need a robust team of ushers so that the responsibility of taking on this role does not continue to fall to a small group of faithful folks. Please let Mike Martel or Rev. Vicki know that you would like to support the Sunday service this way.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visit uucgl.org for more information and additional announcements.

Church History Ministry Team Meeting

Today, October 8 | 11:30am-12:30pm | Skylight Room

Wisdom Circle

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

Dialogue Group

Wednesday, October 11 | 8-9pm | Zoom

Plant-Based Cooking Group (FOR ALL AGES)

Thursday, October 12 | 5pm | UUCGL Kitchen

All are welcome! Please sign up if interested — visit uucgl.org for more info.

"Drumagic" Community Drum Circle

October 15 | 1:30-3:30 pm | Sanctuary

Open to individuals 10 years-old and up, no experience necessary!

Walk for My Brother's Table

Sunday, October 15 | 1:30pm | Swampscott

Walk with UUCGL or sponsor us to help raise money for My Brother's Table! See uucgl.org for more info. Feel free to invite friends & neighbors to join/sponsor us!

Sunday Evening Meditations

October 15 | 4-5 pm | Sanctuary

Sunday Evening Potluck Community Meal

Sunday, October 15 | 5pm | Parish Hall

Join us for potluck! You may come for just the meal, or plan to stay afterward to connect with others. Please sign up by Oct. 12. See uucgl.org for details.

Saturday Craft Circle

Saturday, October 21 | 10am-2pm | Skylight Room

Foundations of Unitarian Universalism: Path To Membership

Sunday, October 22 | 11:30am – 1pm | Fellowship Room

If you are considering signing the book and becoming a voting member of the congregation, this is for you.

Atlantic White Shark Conservancy Presentation

Wednesday, October 25 | 6:30pm | Sanctuary

Wondering about the increase of shark sightings off the MA coast? Join us for this informational presentation! RSVP at uucgl.org to reserve your seat.

UUCGL Annual Halloween Party

Sunday, October 29 | 11:00am | Parish Hall

Children and adults are welcome to come to church in costume and enjoy some holiday treats, games, and activities right after the service!