

ORDER OF SERVICE

October 30, 2022

Prelude *Venus: The Bringer of Peace* Gustav Holst

Welcome and Announcements

Ingathering Chime

Introit *The Fourth Principal*
 from *Seven Principles* David M. Glasgow

Responsive Call to Worship Rabindranath Tagore
 “The Peace of Autumn” No. 540 [STLT]

*Opening Hymn “Mysterious Presence, Source of All” No. 92 [STLT]

Chalice Lighting

Covenant 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

Pastoral Prayer

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

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Offertory

For our 50/50 charitable recipient this month, the Social Justice Ministry Team is supporting assistance to Puerto Rico, hard hit by Hurricane Fiona last month, and still recovering from destruction caused by Hurricane Ida in 2017. A Philadelphia-based group, Taller Puertorriqueno, is seeking donations to provide hurricane relief. Donations to them will help Taller Salud, a Puerto Rican outfit led by women, and Comedores Sociales, a community-based local kitchen seeking to end food insecurity in Puerto Rico. Checks should be payable to UUCGL (*not* to the organization), with “hurricane relief” in the memo line, so that amounts may be recorded. All plate cash will be divided evenly between the church and charity.

Candles of Hope and Healing

You are welcome to light a candle at the altar table.

Reading *Gut Symmetries* Jeanette Winterson

Anthem *How to Sing Like a Planet* Elizabeth Alexander

Sermon “The Cosmos and All Souls” Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein

Prayer for All Souls

Thousands of years ago, someone we only know as The Psalmist wrote,
“When I look at your heavens,
The work of your fingers,
The moon and the stars that you
Have established;
What are human beings
That you are mindful of them,
Mortals that you care for them?
You have made them a little
Lower than God,
And crowned them with glory and honor.”

*Closing Hymn “Where Do We Come From?” No. 1003 [STJ]

Sending Forth from *The Luminous Web* Barbara Brown Taylor

Benediction

Congregational Response: *Amen*

Postlude *Arabesque No. 1* Claude Debussy

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TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

The Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein, Parish Minister
Kenneth Griffith II, Director of Music
David Collins, Keyboard
The UUCGL Choir
Jason Gatlin, Livestream Service
Jack Butterworth, Worship Associate

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.

COMMUNITY HEALTH ADVISORY TEAM UPDATE

The Community Health Advisory Team (formerly the Reopening Task Force) has met infrequently in the last six months as Covid transmission has slowed and testing and vaccines have become widely available. With a return to cooler weather and indoor activities, and hopefully larger gatherings at church, we encourage members of our congregation to follow CDC guidance and use common sense when it comes to masking or staying home if ill. The latest Covid variant is being widely transmitted (40%) by asymptomatic people, so please test if you think you “just” have allergies or feel at all unwell. Our staff will be testing frequently, and the Minister tests for Covid twice a week and always on Saturdays. We also urge everyone who is able to receive the new updated Covid booster and help reduce the risk of community spread.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Halloween Party Today!

11:00am — Parish Hall

We'll have some spooktacular games for the youth to enjoy, as well as Halloween treats for all to eat. Join us after the service!

Trauma-Informed Caring Conversations

Today | 11:30am-12:30pm | Fellowship Room

Join Rev. Vicki in this training that will equip anyone interested in caring calls and visits within the community or in your personal or professional lives to bring a more trauma-informed perspective to your presence.

Get Out the Vote with ECCO

There are going to be two critical justice issues on the ballot this November 8th: Yes on 4 for Safer Roads, and Yes on 1 for Fair Share. Many people aren't aware of how transformative these two ballot questions could be for racial and economic justice in our local area, and some people don't even know they're on the ballot. To join ECCO in canvassing or phone banking to educate voters on these critical issues, use your smartphone camera to scan the QR code above and sign up for volunteer shifts.



Social Justice Ministry Team Food Drive

Saturday, November 5 | 9-11am

Please join our food drive here at the church to support the Food Pantry at St. Stephen's in Lynn. We are collecting 3 items: canned green beans, gravy, and cans of tuna or chicken. We need to collect 200 of each item. Food may also be left at the church on Sundays. For questions, or to offer help, contact Suzanne Forgione at sforgione13@yahoo.com.

Rev. Vicki's 10th Anniversary at UUCGL

Sunday, November 6

We will celebrate this important anniversary together in the worship service and afterward during our traditional coffee hour time. We hope you can join us to celebrate together in person.

SAVE THE DATES!

Ageing Bravely: A Conversation For 55+

November 16 & 30 | 12pm

Rev. Vicki leads us in a conversation and set of journaling exercises on the challenges and opportunities of aging. At church and on Zoom!

Visit uucgl.org for more information and additional announcements.