

ORDER OF SERVICE
December 10, 2023

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn “People, Look East” No. 226[STLT]

Chalice and Advent Candle 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.

Video Presentation “Drawing the Door”

A story about the power of imagination and creativity inspired by *Journey*
by Aaron Becker.

THE CAST
Anna - **Mira**
Nina - **Marguerite**
Older Sis’ - **Maeve**
City Sentinel - **Fionnuala**
Dragon Guards - **Elden & Arden**
Dragon - **Declan**

THE PRODUCTION TEAM
Susan Kelley, Ruby Michaud, and Chris Scheller

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Offertory *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* trad./arr. Larsen

Our 50/50 split this month benefits **My Brother’s Table** in Lynn.

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

This Here Flesh: Spirituality, Liberation, and the Stories That Make Us
Arthur Riley Cole

Solo “The Spark of Creation” from *Children of Eden*
Stephen Schwartz

Reflection “Wired for Wonder”
Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein

*Closing Hymn “Wonders Still the World Shall Witness”
No. 139 [STLT]

Benediction

Congregational Response: *Amen*

Postlude *Fum, Fum, Fum* trad. Catalan Carol

Extinguishing the Chalice and the Advent Candles

We extinguish the candles but not the lights. These we carry in our hearts and our actions as we go forth.

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein, Parish Minister

Kenneth Griffith II, Director of Music

David Collins, Keyboard

The UUCGL Choir

Doreen Hodgkin and Loretta Connolly, Ushers

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.

A reminder: Fair Trade food items will be available for purchase in the Parish Hall during Fellowship Hour.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visit uucgl.org for more information and additional announcements.

Holly Jolly Sunday Fellowship Hour

Today | 11am

All ages are invited to bake cookies and make centerpieces for the Lynn Shelter Association's holiday party.

Sunday Evening Meditations

Today | 4-5 pm | Sanctuary

Registration required; see uucgl.org

Meal Bag Making for My Brother's Table

Monday, December 11 | 1pm | Parish Hall

Please sign up if you can help at uucgl.org

Tai Chi Class —Intermediate Level

Tuesday, December 12 | 11am | Parish Hall

Wisdom Circle

Tuesday, December 12 | 12-1:30pm | Hawthorne Hotel, Salem

Luncheon at the Hawthorne Hotel. Please let Gloria Kozlosky or Ruth Griffin know if you will attend.

Ancestry – Where to Start & How to Continue Tracing Your Family History

Tuesday, December 12 | 1:30pm

Dialogue Group

Wednesday, December 13 | 8-9pm | Zoom

Plant-Based Cooking Group (FOR ALL AGES)

Thursday, December 14 | 5pm | UUCGL Kitchen

Saturday Craft Circle

Saturday, December 16 | 10am-2pm | Skylight Room

Holiday Party for Lynn Shelter Association

Saturday, December 16 | 6pm | Knights of Columbus hall, KOC Hall, Lynn

Please sign up at uucgl.org if you can make it!

Church History Ministry Team Meeting

Sunday, December 17 | 11:30am-12:30pm | Skylight Room

"Drumagic" Community Drum Circle

Sunday, December 17 | 1:30-3:30 pm | Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Service **5:30pm**

Sunday, December 24 | 5:30pm

The Sunday service will be our traditional candle lighting Christmas Eve at 5:30pm. No morning service.