

ORDER OF SERVICE
February 22, 2026

Ingathering Music

Choral Introit “Justice from *Seven Principles*” David Glasgow

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn* “Morning Has Come” No. 1001 [STJ]

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.

Welcome and Invitation to Engagement

Joys and Sorrows

Sung Response “Comfort Me” No. 1002 [STJ]

Introduction to the Offering Rabbi Allen Lipson
 Organizer and Fundraiser Coordinator,
 Essex County Community Organization

Offertory *Adagio Cantabile* R. Nathaniel Dett
R. Nathaniel Dett (1882-1943) was an American composer, choir conductor, teacher, pianist, and poet. He was the first African-American to graduate from Oberlin College.

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

The Social Justice Ministry Team will be matching all of the offerings to this month’s 50/50 split, which will benefit the **Mutual Aid Fund** for the immigrant community in Lynn, organized and distributed by LUCE Immigrant Justice Network of Massachusetts (lucemass.org). This ongoing fundraiser provides support to individuals and families in Lynn impacted by the raids happening in our community and across the state that began last spring.

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 “A Litany For Survival” *The Black Unicorn: Poems*
 Audre Lord

Reflection I “Meant To Survive”
 Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein

Song “What Would You Do?”
 Kander and Ebb, *Cabaret*

Reflection II

Sending Forth “Commitment” Dorothy Day
 No. 560 [STLT]

*Closing Hymn “Once To Every Soul and Nation” No. 119 [STLT]

Benediction
The congregation responds: *Amen*

Postlude *Tangamerican* Margaret Bonds
American composer Margaret Bonds (1913-1972) was one of the first Black female musicians to gain recognition in the United States. In 1934, she became the first African-American to perform with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

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TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein, Worship Leader

David Collins, Keyboard

The UUCGL Choir

Gloria Kozlosky, Worship Associate

Mike Martel, Usher

Scott Nowka, Livestream Camera Operator

Please join us for coffee and refreshments at Fellowship Hour in the Parish Hall (to your right as you exit the Sanctuary) after the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BUILDING ACCESS

Please arrive on time for all programs as we are practicing tighter security and locking doors. We don't want to leave anyone out in the cold!

FROM THE BOARD

Did You Take the Congregational Survey Yet?

As we continue developing our Transition Plan, the Board of Trustees wants to be sure we understand and meet the needs of our congregation. To help guide this work, we're beginning with a brief survey to identify what matters most to you.

Please take a few minutes to complete it. There is a section for written comments, so please let us know of any additional thoughts/ideas you may have. Importantly, if you're open to further conversation, you may add your name; otherwise, your responses will remain anonymous.

Please submit your survey by February 25th. Thank you for taking the time to offer your feedback. We appreciate it very much.



Scan the QR code with your phone
or point your browser to <https://tinyurl.com/UUCGLsurvey>

JOIN US!

(Visit uucgl.org for more information and additional announcements.)

SCHEDULING NOTES:

Sunday Evening Meditations will be on Zoom tonight at 5:15

The Church History Ministry Team will meet via Zoom this evening at 6:30

Qigong Class will not be meeting this Tuesday, 2/24 (next meeting: 3/3)

Community Conversations

Sunday, February 22 | 11:30* | Skylight Room

Beginner Tai Chi Class

Tuesday, February 24 | 9am | Parish Hall

Dialogue Group

Tuesday, February 24 | 5-6pm | Zoom

Hearts & Arts for Youth: Sunday Art Adventures to Benefit the Local Community

Sunday, March 1 | 10-11am | Skylight Room

Plant-Based Cooking Group

Thursday, March 5 | 5-7pm | Kitchen

Craft Circle

Saturday, March 7 | 10am-2pm | Skylight Room

"Drumagic" Community Drum Circle

Sunday, March 8 | 1:30-3:30pm | Sanctuary

Wisdom Circle

Tuesday, March 10 | 12:00-1:30pm | Skylight Room

Sound Healing (now at UUCGL every 2 months!)

[REGISTER AT UUCGL.ORG](#)

Sunday, March 15 | 2-4pm | Sanctuary

Step into a sacred space of resonance and renewal. Register at uucgl.org/soundhealing.

Climate Change in New England—One of the World's Fastest Warming Regions

Monday, March 16 | 6:30pm

[REGISTER AT UUCGL.ORG](#)

UUCGL member and climate researcher Steve Young recently released a groundbreaking study revealing that New England is warming faster than almost anywhere else on the planet! Join us for this free, eye-opening presentation as he walks us through his findings. Co-sponsored by Swampscott Conservancy. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/NEwarming>

Pondside Chorus: A Vernal Pool Experience

[REGISTER AT UUCGL.ORG](#)

Monday, April 13 | 6:30-8pm | Parish Hall

A family-friendly exploration of vernal ponds and the amazing creatures that depend on them. Meet live animals and explore a certified vernal pool right here on the church property!