

ORDER OF SERVICE
September 17, 2023

Ingathering Music

Introit “Hashivenu” arr. Greg Gilpin

*Help us to return to you, God,
Then truly we will return.
Make new our days as in the past.*

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn “Morning Has Come” No. 1000 [STJ]

Chalice Lighting

Unison Affirmation

Love is the doctrine of this church,
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.

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.

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Meditation

Sung Response “Who Can Say” No. 218 [STLT]

Offertory *Etude No. 2* Philip Glass

Our 50/50 split for September benefits the **Friends of Lynn and Nahant Beach**.

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 “On The Tashlich Ritual” Author Unknown

Anthem “Sim Shalom (Prayer for Peace)” Will Lopes

*Our Father, grant peace, goodness, and blessing to us.
Lord, our God of life, grant peace to us forever.*

Sermon “Clean Slate” Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein

Hymn “We Begin Again in Love” No. 1037 [STJ]

Sending Forth

Benediction

The congregation responds: *Amen*

Postlude *L'El Orech Din* Danny Maseng

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein, Parish Minister

Kenneth Griffith II, Director of Music

David Collins, Keyboard

The UUCGL Choir

Doreen Hodgkin, Usher

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.

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visit uucgl.org for more information and additional announcements.

"Drumagic" Community Drum Circle

Today | 1:30-3:30 pm | Sanctuary

Open to individuals 10 years-old and up, no experience necessary! Drums are available for borrowing. Bring a friend, and spread the word!

Sunday Evening Meditations

Today | 4-5 pm | Sanctuary

You are invited to join us, to take a little time out of your week for restorative silence and reconnection. Please register at uucgl.org if you haven't yet.

Sunset Beach Potluck and Bonfire

Sunday, September 24 | 5:30-8:30pm | Fisherman's Beach

Join us for a bonfire potluck on the beach — with s'mores! Visit uucgl.org for all the information. Everyone is welcome!

Dialogue Group

Wednesday, September 27 | 8-9pm | Zoom

The Dialogue Group has changed meeting days to the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. All are welcome!

Plant-Based Cooking Group (FOR ALL AGES)

Thursday, September 28 | 5pm | UUCGL Kitchen

Our popular plant-based cooking group will be meeting on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month. All are welcome. Visit uucgl.org for more info.

Saturday Craft Circle

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

All kinds of crafts are welcome! Drop in anytime between 10am and 2pm.

Church History Ministry Team Meeting

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

The Church History Team's mission is to preserve, organize, and make available pertinent materials relating to our church. All are welcome.

Wisdom Circle

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

Wisdom Circle is a monthly gathering geared toward seniors to share the perspectives and life experiences of older age. Join us!

Sunday Evening Potluck Community Meal

Sunday, October 15 | 5pm | Parish Hall