

ORDER OF SERVICE

October 23, 2022

Prelude *Prelude, Op. 10* Melanie Bonis

Welcome and Announcements

Ingathering Chime

Introit *To See the World* Norway/arr. Grieg

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn “Come Come Whoever You Are” No. 188 [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 written by Rev. Justin Osterman

Musical Response “There’s a River Flowin’ In My Soul” No. 1007 [STJ]

Offertory *Prelude, Op. 16, No. 2* Clara Schumann

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

Anthem *Make Sacred Space* Carol/arr. Griffith

Sermon “Children of Eve” Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein

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

Sending Forth

Benediction

Congregational Response: *AMEN*

Postlude *Klavierstück* Fanny Mendelssohn

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

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

Healing Mandalas for Adults with Trinidad Martinez

Sunday, October 23 | 11:30am-1:00pm — Parish Hall

The mandala is widely recognized as a meaningful reflection of its creator. Together, we will create a sand mandala, utilizing its holistic therapeutic benefits. Contact Rev. Chris Scheller at cscheller@uucgl.org with questions and to let us know if you'll be joining us!

Meal Bags for My Brother's Table

Wednesday, October 26 | 6:30-8:30pm — Parish Hall

Join us in the Parish Hall as we make lunch and dinner bags for My Brother's Table in Lynn. If you are interested in helping, please email Michael Celona at michaelcelona@yahoo.com.

Trauma-Informed Caring Conversations

Sunday, October 30 | 11:30am-12:30pm

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. Please RSVP to victoria.weinstein@gmail.com.

Fellowship Hour Halloween Party

Sunday, October 30 | 11am — Parish Hall

Get those costumes ready! The Faith Development Ministry Team is hosting our annual Halloween Party during Fellowship Hour. Children and adults are welcome to come to church in costume and enjoy some holiday treats, games, and activities right after the service.

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.

Visit uucgl.org for more information and additional announcements.