

ORDER OF SERVICE

April 20, 2025

Prelude *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* Wesley/arr. Chesser

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "Gloria" Antonio Vivaldi

Opening Words

Opening Hymn* "O Day of Light and Gladness" No. 270 [STLT]

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.

Time For All Ages Rev. Chris Scheller

Children's Recessional Beth Norton

Let us open our eyes to see what is beautiful
Let us open our minds to see what is true
Let us open our hearts to love one another,
And may we live in peace

Reading "What Is the Grass?" Walt Whitman

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Offertory

Our 50/50 split for this month will benefit **Newhall Fields Community Farm**. Their aim is to strengthen the community by creating access to nutritious vegetables & herbs through sustainable regenerative agriculture, volunteer-powered farming, and outdoor farm-based educational opportunities. Find out more at newhallfieldscommunityfarm.org.

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 from the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 28: 1-11
New Living Translation

Anthem *Cantique de Jean Racine*

The text is the great French dramatist Jean Racine's paraphrase of a Latin hymn. It was put to music in 1699 by Gabriel Faure, who was 19 years old at the time.

Word, equal to (one with) the Highest,
Our only Hope,
Eternal day of the earth and heavens,
We break the silence of the peaceful night;
Divine Savior, cast your eyes upon us!
Spread over us the fire of your powerful grace,
That all hell may flee at the sound of your voice;
Dispel the slumber of a languishing soul,
That drives us to forget your laws.
O Christ, show favor to this faithful people now
assembled In order to bless (thank) you now.
Accept the songs they offer to your immortal glory; And
may they go forth filled (overjoyed) with your gifts.

Sermon "From Chaos To Community"
Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein

*Closing Hymn "O Life That Maketh All Things New" No. 12 [STLT]

Benediction The congregation responds: *Amen*

Postlude *Fanfare on an Easter Hymn* Douglas Wagner

Extinguishing the Chalice

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein, Worship Leader

Kenneth Griffith II, Director of Music

David Collins, Keyboard

The UUCGL Choir

Dave Innis, Usher

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

Organic fair trade food items from Equal Exchange will be available for purchase during Fellowship Hour.

JOIN US!

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

UUCGL Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Today! | 11:15am | Meet in the Fellowship Room

Indoor Walking

Mon, Wed, Thu, & Fri | 9-9:40am | Church Hallways

Tai Chi Class (Beginner) *ALL AGES & ABILITIES WELCOME*

Tuesday, April 22 | 9am | Parish Hall

Dialogue Group

Tuesday, April 22 | 5-6pm | Zoom

Plant-Based Cooking Group *ALL AGES WELCOME*

Thursday, April 24 | 5-7pm | Kitchen & Parish Hall

Annual Ferry Beach All-Church All-Ages Retreat Weekend

April 25-27 | Ferry Beach, Saco, ME

Qigong Class *ALL AGES & ABILITIES WELCOME*

Tuesday, April 29 | 10am | Parish Hall

Saturday Craft Circle

Saturday, May 3 | 10am-2pm | Skylight Room

Sound Healing *SAVE YOUR SPOT AT UUCGL.ORG*

Sunday, May 4 | 1:30-3pm | Sanctuary

Back by popular demand! Join us for this voyage into the bliss, wellness, and healing that can come from profound relaxation via deeply therapeutic sound and tone.

Sunday Evening Meditations

Sunday, May 4 | 5:15-6pm | Sanctuary

On Tyranny: Action Support Group *REGISTER AT UUCGL.ORG FOR ZOOM LINK*

Tuesday, May 6 | 12:30-1:30pm | on Zoom

We gather to check in about the political crisis and to share resources for action.

"Drumagic" Community Drum Circle

Sunday, May 11 | 1:30-3:30pm | Sanctuary

Wisdom Circle

Tuesday, May 13 | 12pm

Church History Ministry Team Meeting

Sunday, May 18 | 11:30am-12:30pm | Fellowship Room

Dungeons & Dragons Role-playing Group

Sunday, May 18 | 12:30-2:30