

ORDER OF SERVICE
February 15, 2026

Ingathering Music

Choral Introit “Stardust” B.E. Boykin

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn* “Where My Free Spirit Onward Leads” No. 324 [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.

Welcome and Invitation to Engagement

Announcement

New Partnership with the UUA Common Endowment Fund
Evan Katz, Treasurer

Joys and Sorrows[†]

Prayer

Adapted from the words of The Reverend Howard Thurman, Theologian,
Minister and Civil Rights Leader (1989-1991).

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Sung Response “Guide My Feet” No. 348 [STLT]

An African-American Spiritual from the collection of Willis Laurence James (1900-1966) who collected African American folklore and folksongs, especially along the levees of the Mississippi River.

Introduction to the Offering

Offertory *Sonata No. 2* Chevalier St. George
St. George (1745-1799) was the first classical composer of African descent to obtain widespread acclaim in Europe.

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)*
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Candles of Hope and Healing

President’s Reflection Dave Innis

Reading from Plato’s teachings
(Ancient Greek philosopher, born in 348 BCE)

Anthem *I Dream A World* Andre Thomas

Sermon “The Archeology of Understanding”
Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein

*Closing Hymn “These Things Shall Be” No. 138 [STLT]

Sending Forth and Benediction *Go Lifted Up*

Mortimer Barron

The congregation responds: *Amen*

Postlude

Prelude No. 1

Florence Price

Price (1887-1953) was the first African-American woman to have her compositions performed by a major orchestra. She attended the New England Conservatory in Boston from 1902 to 1906.

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein, Worship Leader

David Collins, Keyboard

The UUCGL Choir

Molli Freeman-Lynde, Worship Associate

Margot Abels & Doreen Hodgkin, Ushers

Michael A. Philbrick, Livestream Camera Operator

Megan White, Fellowship Hour Host

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

†A REMINDER ABOUT OUR LIVESTREAM

As a caring community, we naturally want to share updates about one another. However, please remember that our services are livestreamed on Facebook, so when you speak during Joys & Sorrows, you're speaking to a public audience.

Please avoid sharing specific medical information about others.

Thank you for helping us protect one another's privacy.

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!

JOIN US!

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

Beginner Tai Chi Class & Qigong Class

Tuesday, February 17 | 9am & 10am | Parish Hall

Plant-Based Cooking Group

Thursday, February 19 | 5-7pm | Kitchen

Craft Circle

Saturday, February 21 | 10am-2pm | Skylight Room

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

Sunday, February 22 | 10-11am | Skylight Room

Community Conversations

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

Sunday Evening Meditations

Sunday, February 22 | 5:15-6pm | Zoom

Dialogue Group

Tuesday, February 24 | 5-6pm | Zoom

Church History Team Meeting

Sunday, May 18 | 11:30am-12:30pm | Fellowship 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](http://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](http://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](http://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!

Ferry Beach All-Church, All-Ages Annual Retreat

[SAVE THE DATES](http://uucgl.org)

Friday evening, April 24-Sunday, April 26 | Saco, Maine