

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**May 28, 2023**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Ingathering Chime

Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn “Sound Over All Waters” [verses 1-3] No. 122 [STLT]

*The lyrics of this hymn were authored by the 19th century Quaker poet and abolitionist John Greenleaf Whittier, born in Haverhill, MA.*

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.

Community Joys and Concerns

Prayer by Jan Richardson

Musical Response “Dona Nobis Pacem” (Grant Us Peace) No. 388 [STLT]

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*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Offertory†

Our 50/50 split for May benefits the National Network of Abortion Funds’ Collective Power Fund. Since 2019, the Collective Power Fund (CPF) has distributed nearly \$3 million in grants to abortion funds. Donations to the CPF will help pay for abortion procedures as well as the practical support needed to actually access care, such as transportation and childcare.

Candles of Hope and Healing

*You are invited to come forward and light a candle.*

Readings *Healing The Heart Of Democracy*  
Parker J. Palmer  
“Naturalized Citizen”  
Hafizeh Geter, Nigerian-American Poet

Solo “America, the Beautiful” Traditional  
Johnny Nichols, soloist

Sermon “America’s National DNA”  
Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein

\*Closing Hymn “We’ll Build a Land” [verses 1&4] No. 121 [STLT]

SENDING FORTH

from Thich Nhat Hanh, Vietnamese Buddhist Monk and Peace Prophet

Benediction

Congregational Response: *Amen*

Postlude

Extinguishing the Chalice

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†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 charity:

- all loose cash in the collection plates will be split on a 50/50 basis between the church and the charity
- 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 charity will go to the charity

## TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein, Parish Minister

Kenneth Griffith II, Director of Music

David Collins, Keyboard

The UUCGL Choir

Jack Butterworth, Worship Associate

Dawn Stewart, Usher

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## 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.

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## COMMUNITY HEALTH

Our choir members are going mask-optional for the first time in three years, choosing to test regularly and stay home if presenting any symptoms of illness. We recommend that all members of the community continue to use testing, masking and quarantining to mitigate the spread of Covid and other infectious diseases. The front side of the sanctuary opposite the choir is reserved for those who would like to continue to practice social distancing.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visit [uucgl.org](http://uucgl.org) for more information and additional announcements.

### Tai Chi for Beginners

Tuesday, May 30 | 11am | Parish Hall

*Note: there will be no Intermediate Tai Chi classes on June 2*

### All-Church Picnic

Sunday, June 4 | 11am

### Sunday Evening Meditations *(last one!)*

Sunday, June 4 | 4-5 pm | Sanctuary

You are invited to join us, to take a little time out of your week for restorative silence and reconnection. Visit [uucgl.org](http://uucgl.org) for more information.

### Dialogue Group

Wednesday, June 7 | 8pm | Zoom

### Tai Chi for Intermediates

Friday, June 9 | 11am | Parish Hall

### Church History Ministry Team Meeting

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

The team's mission is to preserve, organize, and make available pertinent materials relating to our church. Anyone interested is welcome to join us.

### Poetry Workshop with Clem Schoenebeck

Sunday, June 11 | 11:30am | Fellowship Room

Award-winning resident poet, Clem Schoenebeck, will lead this workshop. Visit [uucgl.org](http://uucgl.org) for more information and to register.

### Wisdom Circle

Wednesday, June 14 | 12-1:30pm

Wisdom Circle is a monthly gathering geared toward seniors to share the perspectives and life experiences of older age. Visit [uucgl.org](http://uucgl.org) for more info.

### Community Drum Circle

Sunday, June 18 | 1:30-3:30 pm | Sanctuary

Open to individuals 10 years-old and up, no experience necessary! Come have an afternoon of spiritual awakening, fun and meeting wonderful people. Drums are available for borrowing. Bring a friend, and spread the word!

### North Shore Pride [REGISTER AT [tinyurl.com/uucglpride](http://tinyurl.com/uucglpride)]

Saturday, June 24 | Salem

Save the date to march in the Pride Parade with us and enjoy the festivities! We will, once again, have a booth at the festival. Please visit the UUCGL website or [tinyurl.com/uucglpride](http://tinyurl.com/uucglpride) to register, as we will be getting new tee shirts for everyone that marches this year.

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**A reminder:** after the service, Fair Trade food items will be available for purchase during Fellowship Hour.