

## ORDER OF SERVICE

April 14, 2024

### Ingathering Music

Choral Introit      “Grounded and Guided”      Adam Podd

Call to Worship      “Fragile and Rooted”      No. 492 [STLT]  
Carolyn S. Owen-Towle

\*Opening Hymn      “Be That Guide”      No. 124 [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

### Joys and Sorrows

### Prayer

Musical Response      “Spirit of Life”      No. 123 [STLT]

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

Offertory      *Melody*      Myroslav Skoryk  
(1938-2020)

Our 50/50 split for March will benefit **Save King’s Beach**. The group’s mission is to make King’s Beach safe, clean, and swimmable every day by eliminating sewage pollution from Lynn and Swampscott.

*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      *Carl Sagan, Pale Blue Dot*      Bill McKibben

Anthem      “Patricia’s Meditation” from *Great Marsh Songs*  
LJ White

Sermon      “From Tiny Acorns Mighty Oak Trees Grow”  
Rev. Julie-Ann Silberman-Bunn

\*Closing Hymn      “What Is This Life”      No. 94 [STLT]

### Sending Forth and Benediction

The congregation responds: *Amen*

Postlude      *Lyrice Nova, Op. 59, No. 1*      Sergei Bortkiewicz  
(1877-1952)

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During the month of April, David will be featuring solo piano music by Ukrainian composers. If you have any questions or comments about the composers or the music that you hear, please don’t hesitate to talk to David after the service.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Julie-Ann Silberman-Bunn, Guest Minister

Kenneth Griffith II, Director of Music

David Collins, Keyboard

The UUCGL Choir

Jason Gatlin, Livestream Service

Ruth Griffin, Worship Associate

Mary Gatlin and Mathew Jensen, Ushers

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

*Fair Trade food items will be available for purchase in the Parish Hall during Fellowship Hour.*

## JOIN US!

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

### Wisdom Circle

Tuesday, April 16 | 12-1:30pm | Skylight Room

### Dialogue Group

Tuesday, April 16 | 5-6pm | Zoom

### Saturday Craft Circle

Saturday, April 20 | 10am-2pm | Skylight Room

### Sunday Service: "The Moon by Whale Light"

Sunday, April 21 | 10am | Sanctuary

Join us for a celebration of Earth Day where we will especially consider the amazing whales as a symbol for the awesome quality of creation.

### Meet "Nile"... the Giant Inflatable Whale!\*

Sunday, April 21 | 1-3pm | Parish Hall

A 40-foot inflatable whale will fill our Parish Hall! Step into the belly of the whale to learn about these majestic creatures. Touch real whale bones and teeth! (Note: this program is appropriate for adults and kids, but not for children under 5.)

### Sunday Evening Meditations\*

Sunday, April 21 | 4-4:45 pm | Sanctuary

### Our Own Beaches: An Evening Of Learning And Advocacy\*

Monday, April 22 | 6:30-8:30pm | Sanctuary

Gather for an educational forum led by our friends at Save King's Beach, Friends of Lynn and Nahant Beach, and Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, where we will share our concern for our local beaches and learn what measures are underway for the improvement of conditions at King's Beach. The forum will be livestreamed from UUCGL's Facebook page and will include a time for Q+A and informal discussion.

### Plant-Based Cooking Group *(FOR ALL AGES)*

Thursday, April 25 | 5pm | UUCGL Kitchen

### "Drumagic" Community Drum Circle *(FOR AGES 8 AND UP)*

Sunday, April 28 | 1:30-3:30 pm | Sanctuary

### Newhall Fields Community Farm Volunteer Day\*

Saturday, May 11 | 10am-12pm | Peabody, MA

### UUCGL Yard Sale (to benefit KIC)

Saturday, May 18 | 9am-1pm

Donate to the yard sale! Drop-off times start May 4th. See [uucgl.org](http://uucgl.org) for info.

**\* REGISTRATION REQUIRED. VISIT [UUCGL.ORG](http://UUCGL.ORG) TO SIGN UP!**