

ORDER OF SERVICE

February 23, 2025

Ingathering Music *On Bended Knees* H.T. Burleigh

Choral Introit “Hold On (Eyes on the Prize)”
African-American Spiritual

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn* “Lift Every Voice and Sing” No. 149 [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

Joys and Sorrows

You are invited to share important milestones and prayer requests with the community. If we are livestreaming, please bear that in mind when sharing about people's health.

Prayer and Meditation “I Breathe”

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Sung Response

“Over My Head”

No. 30 [STLT]

Reflection

Offertory *Cameo*, Op. 56, No. 3 S. Coleridge-Taylor

Our 50/50 split for this month will benefit **The New American Association of Massachusetts (NAAM)**. The mission of NAAM is to assist newly arriving refugees and immigrants with integration into American society, to promote economic stability, to build bridges with the larger community, and to foster the maintenance of refugees' and immigrants' cultural identities. Their main office is in Lynn. Find out more at naamass.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)*
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Candles of Hope and Healing

Reading “Breathe” Lynn Ungar

Anthem “On Justice, Truth, and Peace” Amy F. Bernon

Hymn “Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me 'Round”
arr. J. David Moore

Ain't gonna let *nobody*
turn me 'round (3x)
Ain't gonna let nobody
turn me 'round
I'm gonna keep on a-walkin',
Keep on a-talkin',
Marching up to freedom land.

Ain't gonna let *injustice...*
Ain't gonna let *no hatred...*

Reflection	Martha Curry	
Sermon	“Resilience and the Black Organizing Tradition” Colette Lima	
*Closing Hymn	“We’ll Build a Land”	No. 121 [STLT]
Benediction	The congregation responds: <i>Amen</i>	
Postlude	<i>Tangamerica</i>	Margaret Bonds

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In recognition of Black History Month, David will be performing piano selections by Black composers from around the world. If you have any questions or comments about the composers or the music you hear this month, please don’t hesitate to talk to David after the service.

TODAY’S WORSHIP TEAM

Martha Curry, Worship Leader

Kenneth Griffith II, Director of Music

David Collins, Keyboard

The UUCGL Choir

Colette Lima, Guest Speaker

(Colette is an organizer from ECCO—Essex County Community Organization. UUCGL is an ECCO member and active in their systemic racial justice work.)

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. By partnering with small farmer organizations, Equal Exchange aims to change existing power structures and build economic solidarity between farmers and consumers.

JOIN US!

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

Indoor Walking

Mon, Wed, Thu, & Fri | 9am | Church Hallways

Walk indoors at the church for exercise 4 days a week for 40 minutes at a reasonable pace. Email Jack Butterworth if you will be joining in!

Church History Ministry Team Meeting

Sunday, February 23 | 11:30am-12:30pm | Fellowship Room

Dungeons & Dragons Role-playing Group

Sunday, February 23 | 12:30-2:30

Sound Healing at UUCGL

Sunday, February 23 | 2:30-4pm | Sanctuary

Join us for this 90-minute voyage into the bliss, wellness, and healing that can come from profound relaxation via deeply therapeutic sound and tone. More at uucgl.org

Sunday Evening Meditations

Sunday, February 23 | 5:15-6pm | Sanctuary

Tai Chi & Qigong Classes ALL AGES & ABILITIES WELCOME

Tuesday, February 25 | 9am (Beginner Tai Chi), 10am (Qigong), 11am | Parish Hall

On Tyranny: Continuing the Conversation REGISTER AT UUCGL.ORG FOR ZOOM LINK

Tuesday, February 25 | 12-1pm | on Zoom

We gather most Tuesdays to check in about the political crisis and to share resources for action. New participants are welcome. Leaders: Rev. Chris, Rev. Vicki

Dialogue Group

Tuesday, February 25 | 5-6pm | Zoom

Plant-Based Cooking Group ALL AGES WELCOME

Thursday, February 27 | 5-7pm | Kitchen & Parish Hall

Saturday Craft Circle

Saturday, March 1 | 10am-2pm | Skylight Room

★ “Have I Got A Story For You!” A Live Story Sharing Event To Benefit UUCGL

Saturday, March 8 | 7-9pm | Parish Hall

Have a good story you like to tell? Enjoy listening to story slams or The Moth Radio Hour? Then come to our community open mic for storytellers! We’re making it easy to have a casual, fun night out — we’ll have light refreshments, fun raffles, and free childcare in the adjacent room for parents who want to share in the fun. Please RSVP at uucgl.org/storynight even if you will not be sharing a story.

“Drumagic” Community Drum Circle

Sunday, March 9 | 1:30-3:30pm | Sanctuary