

ORDER OF SERVICE

March 23, 2025

Ingathering Music

Introit “The Third Principle” David Glasgow

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn* “We’ll Build A Land” (Verses 1 + 4) No. 121 [STLT]

The prophet Amos (8th century BCE) is credited with these lines expressing God’s anger at the elite class for exploiting the people for greed and gain. In Chapter 5 of the Book of Amos:

Away with the noise of your songs!
I will not listen to the music of your harps.
But let justice roll on like a river,
righteousness like a never-failing stream!

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

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Prayer and Meditation

Sung Response “There’s A River Flowin’ In My Soul” No. 1007 [STJ]

Introduction to the Offering

Offertory *Primavera (Spring)* Tatiana Stankovych
(Ukraine, b. 1981)

Our 50/50 split for this month will benefit **UU Mass Action**. Their mission is to organize and mobilize UUs in Massachusetts to confront oppression. Find out more at uumassaction.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

Malkia Cyril, in *Emergent Strategy: Shaping Change, Changing Worlds*
Adrienne Marie Brown

Anthem “Like a Mighty Stream” Moses Hogan

Reflection “The Mighty Stream”
Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein

*Closing Hymn “My Life Flows On in Endless Song” No. 108 [STLT]

Benediction

The congregation responds: *Amen*

Postlude *Gai Printemps (Cheerful Spring)* Mélanie Bonis
(France, 1858-1937)

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In recognition of Women's History Month, David will be performing piano selections by women 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

Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein, Worship Leader

Kenneth Griffith II, Director of Music

David Collins, Keyboard

The UUCGL Choir

Mathew Jensen Usher

Anne-Marie Hakstian, Livestream Operator

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.



It's Pledge Season!

Your financial support is essential for keeping our physical space in prime shape and putting our Vision of Ministry into action. Please return your pledge card or pledge by the ways listed below as soon as you can so we can prepare next year's budget. Thank you! You may make your 2025-26 pledge by:

- bringing to church/mailling back the pledge card you received in the mail
- visiting uucgl.org/pledge
- emailing mypledge@uucgl.org
- contacting UUCGL's Business Administrator, Elizabeth Muller, at emuller@uucgl.org or 781-595-8836, ext. 10

JOIN US!

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

Indoor Walking

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

Walk indoors for exercise at the church for 40 minutes at a reasonable pace.

Dungeons & Dragons Role-playing Group

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

All interested 6th graders and up as well as any adults connected to the congregation are welcome to join in (parents and non-parents)!

"Drumagic" Community Drum Circle

Sunday, March 23 | 1:30-3:30pm | Sanctuary

Tai Chi Classes

Tuesday, March 25 | 9am (Beginner) & 11am (Intermediate) | Parish Hall

Qigong Class ALL AGES & ABILITIES WELCOME

Tuesday, March 25 | 10am | Parish Hall

On Tyranny: Action Support Group REGISTER AT [UUCGL.ORG](https://uucgl.org) FOR ZOOM LINK

Tuesday, March 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, March 25 | 5-6pm | Zoom

Plant-Based Cooking Group ALL AGES WELCOME

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

"Service Sunday" Meal Prep Gathering (NO WORSHIP SERVICE)

Sunday, March 30 | 10am | Parish Hall

In lieu of a worship service during months that have a 5th Sunday, we gather for a service project to make a difference in the larger community. For our "Service Sunday" in March we will be preparing approximately 100 meals to be served at Lifebridge in Salem. Everyone is welcome; please sign-up at uucgl.org to join us!

Sunday Evening Meditations

Sunday, March 30 | 5:15-6pm | Sanctuary

Annual Ferry Beach All-Church All-Ages Retreat Weekend

April 25-27 | Ferry Beach, Saco, ME

Registration is now open!! See uucgl.org for more info.

Sound Healing SAVE YOUR SPOT AT [UUCGL.ORG](https://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.