

## ORDER OF SERVICE

April 6, 2025

### Gathering Music

Introit                      “The Sixth Principle”                      David Glasgow

### Call to Worship

Opening Hymn\*            “To Mercy, Pity, Peace, and Love”            No. 93 [STLT]

*The lyrics of this hymn were part of a poem called “The Divine Image” by the 18th century British mystic, William Blake. Here are the other verses.*

For Mercy has a human heart,  
Pity a human face,  
And Love, the human form divine,  
And Peace, the human dress.

Then every man, of every clime,  
That prays in his distress,  
Prays to the human form divine,  
Love, Mercy, Pity, Peace.

And all must love the human form,  
In heathen, Turk, or Jew;  
Where Mercy, Love, and Pity dwell  
There God is dwelling too.

### 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.

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

### Welcome and Invitation to Engagement

### Joys and Sorrows

### Prayer and Meditation

Sung Response                      “Comfort Me”                      No. 1002 [STJ]

### Introduction to the Offering

Offertory                      *Lavender Fields*                      Karen Tanaka

Our 50/50 split for this month will benefit **Newhall Fields Community Farm**. Their aim is to strengthen the community by creating access to nutritious vegetables & herbs through sustainable regenerative agriculture, volunteer-powered farming, and outdoor farm-based educational opportunities. Find out more at [newhallfieldscommunityfarm.org](http://newhallfieldscommunityfarm.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

### Readings

from *There Is a Season: A Meditation on the Cycles of Our Inner Lives*  
Parker Palmer

“This Spring” from *The Wilderness That Bears Your Name*  
James A Pearson

Anthem    “Happiness Must Be Grown in One’s Own Garden”  
Peter J. Durow

Sermon                      “Ugly Season”    Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein

\*Closing Hymn            “For All That Is Our Life” (verses 1-3)    No. 128 [STLT]

Benediction            The congregation responds: *Amen*

Postlude                      *To Spring*                      Edvard Grieg

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein, Worship Leader

Kenneth Griffith II, Director of Music

David Collins, Keyboard

The UUCGL Choir

Michael Martel, Usher

Anne-Marie Hakstian, Livestream Operator

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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](http://uucgl.org/pledge)
- emailing [mypledge@uucgl.org](mailto:mypledge@uucgl.org)
- contacting UUCGL's Business Administrator, Elizabeth Muller, at [emuller@uucgl.org](mailto:emuller@uucgl.org) or 781-595-8836, ext. 10

## JOIN US!

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

### Foundations of Unitarian Universalism

Today | 11:15am–12:30pm | Fellowship Room

Meet with Rev. Vicki after church to learn more about our faith tradition, its history, theology and structure.

### Indoor Walking

Mon, Wed, Thu, & Fri | 9-9:40am | Church Hallways

### Dungeons & Dragons Role-playing Group

Sunday, April 6 | 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)!

### Tai Chi Classes

Tuesday, April 8 | 9am (Beginner) & 11am (Intermediate) | Parish Hall

### Qigong Class *ALL AGES & ABILITIES WELCOME*

Tuesday, April 8 | 10am | Parish Hall

### Wisdom Circle

Tuesday, April 8 | 12pm

### Dialogue Group

Tuesday, April 8 | 5-6pm | Zoom

### Plant-Based Cooking Group *ALL AGES WELCOME*

Thursday, April 10 | 5-7pm | Kitchen & Parish Hall

### Church History Ministry Team Meeting

Sunday, April 13 | 11:30am-12:30pm | Fellowship Room

### "Drumagic" Community Drum Circle

Sunday, April 13 | 1:30-3:30pm | Sanctuary

### Sunday Evening Meditations

Sunday, April 13 | 5:15-6pm | Sanctuary

### Saturday Craft Circle

Saturday, April 19 | 10am-2pm | Skylight Room

### UUCGL Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 20 | 11am

### Annual Ferry Beach All-Church All-Ages Retreat Weekend *REGISTER BY 4/11*

April 25-27 | Ferry Beach, Saco, ME

### Sound Healing *SAVE YOUR SPOT AT UUCGL.ORG*

Sunday, May 4 | 1:30-3pm | Sanctuary