

ORDER OF SERVICE

December 1, 2024

Gathering Music

Introit “The World Stands Out On Either Side”

Welcome and Invitation to Engagement

Responsive Call to Worship “To Worship” Jacob Trapp
No. 441 [STLT]

Lighting of the Advent Wreath and the Chalice

Opening Hymn* “You That Have Spent The Silent Night”
No. 41 [STLT]

Reflection “Wait” Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein

Solo Josh Shiloh

Reading “Advent Poem” Enuma Okorio,
Nigerian-American, contemporary

Offertory *Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella*
trad. French carol/arr. Ham

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Our 50/50 split for this month will benefit **My Brother’s Table** in Lynn. My Brother’s Table mission is to nourish our community every day through hospitality, free meals, and unconditional love. Founded in 1982, they are the largest soup kitchen on the North Shore. They offers free meals to everyone who comes to their door, regardless of race, color, creed or sex. They have been open for over 13,000 consecutive days thanks to dedicated volunteers and supporters.

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

Reflection “Fall Silent” Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein

Reading from *Out of Solitude* Henri Nouwen

Silent Meditation

Responsive Hymn “Mysterious Presence, Source of All” No. 92 [STLT]

Benediction

The congregation responds: *Amen*

Postlude

Extinguishing the Lights

We extinguish the candles, but not the lights. These we carry in our hearts and our actions as we go forth.

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein, Worship Leader

Kenneth Griffith II, Director of Music

David Collins, Keyboard

The UUCGL Choir

Ruth Griffin, Worship Associate

Jason Gatlin, Livestream Service

Doreen Hodgkin, Usher

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.

Please join us for Fellowship Hour, hosted by Mary & Jason Gatlin, in the Parish Hall (to your right as you exit the Sanctuary) after the service.

Organic fair trade food items will be available for purchase in the Parish Hall during Fellowship Hour.

JOIN US!

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

Morning Meditation Group

Every day | 7:30-7:50am | Online

For more information, see uucgl.org or email Anne at aprincipe@gmail.com

Sunday Evening Meditations

Sunday, December 1 | 5:15-6pm | Sanctuary

No experience necessary. See uucgl.org for more info.

Tai Chi & Qigong Classes

Tuesday, December 3 | 9am, 10am, 11am | Parish Hall

Plant-Based Cooking Group *(All ages welcome!)*

Thursday, December 5 | 5-7pm | Kitchen & Parish Hall

Our popular plant-based cooking group meets on select Thursdays and is designed to create community by cooking and eating plant-based food together, thereby reducing the costs of food and helping the planet, too!

Saturday Craft Circle

Saturday, December 7 | 10am-2pm | Skylight Room

All sorts of crafts welcome! Come by anytime from 10am to 2pm.

Church History Ministry Team Meeting

Sunday, December 8 | 11:30-12:30 pm | Fellowship Room

Anyone interested in preserving and organizing important church records is welcome to the meetings.

"Drumagic" Community Drum Circle

Sunday, December 8 | 1:30-3:30 pm | Sanctuary

Our drum circle is open to hand drummers over the age of 16. Beginners (with drums) always welcome. Plan to have an afternoon of spiritual awakening, fun, and meeting wonderful people.

Wisdom Circle

Tuesday, December 10 | 12-1:30pm | Skylight Room

Wisdom Circle is a monthly gathering geared toward seniors to share the perspectives and life experiences of older age. It is intended to be supportive and informative, a program both of faith development and pastoral ministry.

Dialogue Group

Tuesday, December 10 | 5-6pm | Zoom

Youth Christmas Pageant: *A Christmas Carol*

Sunday, December 15 | 10am | Sanctuary