

ORDER OF SERVICE

January 19, 2025

Gathering Music

Choral Introit Excerpt from “Undivided” Karen Marroli

Call to Celebration

Opening Hymn* Creative Love, Our Thanks We Give No. 289 [STLT]

Chalice Lighting

Covenant 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

Prayer Jan Richardson

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Musical Response “Precious Lord” No. 199 [STLT]

This hymn by Thomas Dorsey was the favorite of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Offertory “Peace” George Winston

Our 50/50 split for this month will benefit **The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC)**, a nonprofit, nonsectarian organization with a mission to advance human rights and social justice around the world. UUSC partners with an international community of grassroots advocates who confront unjust power structures and mobilizes to challenge oppressive policies. Their work is grounded in the belief that all people have inherent power and dignity. Find out more by visiting uuscs.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

Anthem “I Choose Love” Mark A. Miller

Sermon “States of Unity” Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein

*Closing Hymn “We Walk In Love” Deanna Witkowski

Congregation:

Verse 2

We cry for peace, and rights for all people.
We welcome friends from far and near.
We fight for those, whose voices are silenced,
Resisting in faith, until all are free.

Verse 3

We dream a world, of justice and kindness.
We build a bridge creating new paths.
We march with joy, as all walk together.
Embracing each one, we boldly stand.

Sending Forth I Dream a World Langston Hughes, 1941

Benediction

The congregation responds: *Amen*

Postlude "To a Yellow Rose" Florence Price

Florence Price was the first African-American woman to be recognized as a symphonic composer and the first to have a composition played by a major orchestra.

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TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein, Parish Minister

Max Holman, Guest Music Director

David Collins, Keyboard

The UUCGL Choir

Doreen Hodgkin, Usher

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.

JOIN US!

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

Community Conversations: Dollars and Sense

Today! | 11:30am | Skylight Room

Treasurer Sarah Cecil leads us in a conversation about financial realities in an accessible and clear way, with ample time for questions. The present and future of UUCGL is in our hands and this information is very important for all of those who participate in the life of the church to know. The more we know, the better our discernment and decision-making will be.

Sunday Evening Meditations

Sunday, January 19 | 5:15-6pm | Sanctuary

Tai Chi & Qigong Classes

Tuesday, January 21 | 9am (Beginner Tai Chi), 10am (Qigong), 11am | Parish Hall

Tai Chi and Qigong classes are back! **For those who want to join the Beginner Class or try Qigong, now is the time!** Support your health and well-being by trying a class for free with no obligation. No experience is necessary.

A Discussion On Tyranny

Tuesdays, 12-1pm | January 21 & 28 | on Zoom

The incoming administration has promised continuing threats to our democracy and to our local community. Please join our ministers for a conversation on Timothy Snyder's short and effective book, *On Tyranny*. While it is not necessary to have read the book to participate in these Zoom conversations, everyone is encouraged to do so. UUCGL has twelve copies that will be placed in our Fellowship Room on the bookshelf to the right, along with a library signout sheet. Register at uucgl.org for the Zoom link.

"Drumagic" Community Drum Circle

Sunday, January 26 | 1:30-3:30pm | Sanctuary

Dialogue Group

Tuesday, January 28 | 5-6pm | Zoom

Plant-Based Cooking Group

Thursday, January 30 | 5-7pm | Kitchen & Parish Hall

Saturday Craft Circle

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

Wisdom Circle

Tuesday, February 11 | 12pm

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