

Welcome to



**COMMUNITY
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
CONGREGATION
AT WHITE PLAINS**

Nurture Spirituality • Foster Compassion • Engage in Service



“We Bend The Arc”

Sunday, March 22, 2026

KARISHMA GOTTFRIED, GUEST SPEAKER

TRACY BRENEMAN, RELIGIOUS EDUCATOR

ADAM KENT, MUSIC DIRECTOR | KATHY WILLIAMS, HYMN LEADER

EILEEN MACHOLL & AL ROCCHI, WORSHIP ASSOCIATES

NILS NEUBERT, GUEST MUSICIAN, TENOR

Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation is a Welcoming Congregation committed to affirming and purposefully including all, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, national origin, disability, gender, gender identity or expression, and sexual or affectional orientation.

ORDER OF SERVICE

March 22, 2026

GATHERING MUSIC

Adam Kent, piano
Nils Neubert, tenor

Tenor Nils Neubert was born and raised in Hamburg, Germany, and maintains careers as a performer, coach, educator, scholar, and administrator in the United States and abroad.

He is a sought-after interpreter of song, oratorio, opera, and chamber music, and has appeared as a soloist and small ensemble singer throughout North America and Europe.

www.nilsneubert.com

“Beloved, Jesu, We Are Here” ~ J. S. Bach, arr. Harriet Cohen

“Sheep May Safely Graze” ~ J. S. Bach, arr. Egon Petri

GATHERING HYMN

#347, Gather the Spirit

WELCOME

Tracy Breneman

OPENING WORDS

“I Trust”

Eileen Macholl

~Rev. Kari Kopnick

CHALICE LIGHTING

~Scott Taylor

Al Rocchi

We kindle this light to help us look upon the world anew.

May it help us to remember that reverent eyes lead to revelation.

In the glow of this hour, may attention be on our prayer, the vehicle through which we love this world, and enable it to love us back.

HYMN

#203, All Creatures Great and Small

CHALICE CONVERSATION

The Great Big Acorn

Karishma Gottfried

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION
RECESSIONAL

#301, Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky!

OFFERING

Al

OFFERTORY

"Sanctus" from *St. Cecilia Mass*
~Charles Gounod

Nils, Adam

TIME OF PRAYER & MEDITATION		
PRAYER IN WORDS		Karishma
IN QUIET		
IN MUSIC	"Gebet"* ("Prayer") ~Hugo Wolf	Nils, Adam
READING	"Cultivating Trust as an Organizing Strategy: Lessons from Mycelium Mushrooms" ~Adaku Utah	Eileen
	From "Let the Choir Say Wow," an Online Zine to Accompany Emergent Strategy: Shaping Change, Changing Worlds ~Adrienne Maree Brown	
MUSICAL INTERLUDE	"Im Abendrot"*** ("At Sunset") ~Franz Schubert	Nils, Adam
SERMON		Karishma
MUSICAL SELECTION	"The Call" ~Ralph Vaughan William	Nils, Adam
CLOSING		Al
CHALICE EXTINGUISHING	~Daniel Chesney Kanter	Al
	To love life is to notice the wonders that abound And to notice the wonders that abound Is to be grounded here and now And to be grounded here and now Is the beginning of finding love for this life today	
BENEDICTION		Karishma
PARTING MUSIC	"If with All Your Hearts" from <i>Elijah</i> ~Felix Mendelssohn	Nils, Adam

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SUN MAR 22 AT CUUC

9:30am **Childcare** (Room 32)

10am **Religious Exploration: K-12th PlaceKeeping Activity** (CUUC Grounds)

10am **Sunday Worship** (Sanctuary & Livestream: bit.ly/CUUC-Worship)

11:15am **Social Hour** (Fireside)

11:30am **Caring for Our Aging Beloveds- Pastoral Care** (Room 43)

11:30am **SPARC Data Gathering - Intersectional Space** (Room 41)

11:30am **SPARC Data Gathering - Children and Youth Space** (Fellowship Hall)

11:30am **SPARC Data Gathering - LGBTQIA+** (Room 14)

11:30am **SPARC Data Gathering - BIPOC Space** (Room 21)

11:45am **Journey Group: L. Sehdeva** (Room 11)

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mon Mar 23 - 9am Prime Time Dance Exercise Group (CUUC & Online: bit.ly/CUUC-Zoom-7899); 10am Meals for HOPE (Kitchen); 7pm SPARC Meeting (Zoom 7899)

Tue Mar 24 - 10am Sandwiches for HOPE (Kitchen); 7pm Racial Justice Team (Online: bit.ly/CUUC-Zoom-7899); 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Wed Mar 25 - 8am PrideWorks (Purchase College, 735 Anderson Hill Rd, Purchase, NY 10577); 6:30pm Worship Associate Team Planning (Online: bit.ly/CUUC-Zoom-3131); 7:30pm SPARC Meeting (Zoom 3131)

Thu Mar 26 - 11:30am Science & Spirituality (Fireside & Online: bit.ly/CUUC-Zoom-7899); 7pm Child/Parent Class: Communicating About Feelings (Zoom 8428)

Fri Mar 27 - 9am Prime Time Dance Exercise Group (CUUC & Online: bit.ly/CUUC-Zoom-7899); 7pm Books with Barbara (Online: bit.ly/CUUC-Zoom-3131)

LYRICS

#347, Gather the Spirit

Gather the spirit, harvest the power. Our separate fires will kindle one flame.
Witness the mystery of this hour. Our trials in this light appear all the same.

(Chorus) Gather in peace, gather in thanks. Gather in sympathy now and then.
Gather in hope, compassion and strength. Gather to celebrate once again.

Gather the spirit of heart and mind. Seeds for the sowing are laid in store.
Nurtured in love, and conscience refined, with body and spirit united once more.
(Chorus)

Gather the spirit growing in all, drawn by the moon and fed by the sun.
Winter to spring, and summer to fall, the chorus of life resounding as one.
(Chorus)

#203, All Creatures of the Earth and Sky

All creatures of the earth and sky, come, kindred, lift your voices high, Alleluia,
Alleluia! Bright burning sun with golden beam, soft shining moon with silver gleam:
(Chorus)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Embracing earth, you, day by day, bring forth your blessings on our way, Alleluia,
Alleluia! All herbs and fruits that richly grow, let them the glory also show:
(Chorus)

All you of understanding heart, forgiving others, take your part, Alleluia, Alleluia! Let
all things now the Holy bless, and worship God in humbleness:
(Chorus)

#301, Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky!

Touch the earth, reach the sky! Walk on shores while spirits fly over the ocean, over
the land, our faith a quest to understand.

Touch the earth, reach the sky! Children ask the reasons why. In our lives the answers
show, and by our love they learn and grow.

TRANSLATIONS

*Prayer

English translation © Richard Stokes

O Life! send what Thou wilt,
Pleasure or pain;
I am content that both
Flow from Thy hands.

Do not, I beseech Thee,
Overwhelm me
With joy or suffering!
But midway between
Lies blessed moderation.

**At Sunset

English translation © Richard Wigmore

How lovely is your world,
Heavenly one, in its golden radiance
when your glory descends
and paints the dust with glitter;
when the red light that shines from the clouds
falls silently upon my window.

Could I complain? Could I be apprehensive?
Could I lose faith in you and in myself?
No, I already bear your heaven
here within my heart.
And this heart, before it breaks,
still drinks in the fire and savours the light.
Dance with me, dance with me...