

ORDER OF SERVICE

April 10, 2022

Prelude "Sonata" from *Cantata for Palm Sunday* J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Ingathering Chime

Opening Words

*Opening Hymn No. 33 [STLT]

"Sovereign and Transforming Grace"

Congregation joins on the final verse:

To the anxious soul impart
hope, all other hopes above;
Stir the dull and hardened heart
with a longing and a love.

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.

Joys and Sorrows

Prayer and Meditation

Sung Response "Spirit of Life" No. 123 [STLT]

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me come to me.

Offertory

For donations to support Ukraine, please make checks payable to UUCGL with Ukraine on the memo line. Checks for the church should be payable to UUCGL with church on the memo line. All plate cash will go to Ukraine. For those joining us on Facebook Live, you may donate online at: uucgl.org/donate.

Reading The Anointing Woman
Luke 7:35-50
Matthew 26: 6-13

Anthem *Sicut Cervus* Palestrina

Sermon "The Anointing"
Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein

*Closing Hymn No. 89 [STLT]

"Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life"

Congregation joins for the final two verses:

Come, my light, my feast, my strength:
Such a light as shows a feast,
Such a feast as mends in length,
Such a strength as makes a guest.

Come, my joy, my love, my heartL
Such a joy as none can move,
Such a love as none can part,
Such a heart as joys in love.

Sending Forth

Benediction

Congregational Response AMEN!

Postlude *April* Tchaikovsky

Extinguishing the Chalice

Donations to Support Ukraine

Our offerings to help the people of Ukraine will be sent to the humanitarian organization **Doctors Without Borders**. All donations will be matched up to \$2000 through the Grants Committee Social Justice funds. Thank you so much for your generous gifts so far.

Today's Worship Team

The Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein, Parish Minister

Kenneth Griffith II, Director of Music

David Collins, Keyboard

Kaleb Thomas, Soloist

The UUCGL Choir

Jason Gatlin, Livestream Service

Steve Deveau, Videographer

WELCOME

Welcome, to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lynn!

Thank you for demonstrating your commitment to community well-being by maintaining safe covid practices between yourself and others not in your "bubble." Waving hello and sharing gestures of blessing are all wonderful ways to express affection at a time when hugs and handshakes are not safe practices.

We encourage everyone who can be vaccinated to do so; however, our youngest children and some members are medically unable to be immunized, and we remain vigilant for them and for the extended community while transmission of COVID continues.

May love carry us through. May we carry love through.

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OUR CHURCH HISTORY

Our congregation has a long history, and the present congregation is the outcome of the merger of three churches. Our earliest roots are in the First Church of Christ of Lynn, organized in 1632.

About two hundred years later, in 1822, a group of liberals withdrew to form the Second Congregational Society. Its first building was dedicated on South Common Street in 1832 and its second at the corner of Atlantic and Baltimore Streets in 1910. In 1919 that congregation changed its name to the Unitarian Church of Lynn.

The First Universalist Society, located in Lynn, was organized in 1833. Its first building was dedicated on Union Street in 1835 and its second on Nahant Street in 1873. By the late 1800s, the congregation was the largest Universalist Church in America. In 1908, the congregation changed its name to First Universalist Parish of Lynn.

The Swampscott Universalist Society was organized in 1889, and its building on Burrill Street was dedicated in 1891. The Swampscott Universalist Society later changed its name to the Swampscott Universalist Church.

Between 1964 and 1966 these three churches consolidated. On March 22, 1981, our present meetinghouse, on seven and a half acres of wooded land in Swampscott, was dedicated; and the congregation was renamed the *Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lynn*.

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.