

ORDER OF SERVICE

March 27, 2022

Prelude *Ukrainian Folk Song No. 2* Levko Revutsky

Welcome and Announcements

Ingathering Chime

Introit “We Will Build This House”

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn “We Are Not Our Own” No. 317 [STLT]
 V.1 & 3 Choir, V.2 & 4 Congregation

Congregation Verse 2:

We are not alone. Earth names us:

Past and present, peoples near and far,

Family and friends and strangers show us who we are.

Congregation Verse 4:

Let us be a house of welcome,

Living stone upholding living stone,

Gladly showing all our neighbors we are not our own!

Chalice Lighting Jack Butterworth

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.

Joys and Sorrows

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Anthem “We Walk in Love” Deanna Witkowski

Reading Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

Sermon “The Common Good” Rev. Art McDonald

*Closing Hymn “Our World is One World” No. 134 [STLT]

Our world is one world: what touches one affects us all:

The seas that wash us round about,

The clouds that cover us,

The rains that fall.

Our world is one world: the thoughts we think affect us all:

The way we build our attitudes,

With love or hate,

We make a bridge or wall.

Our world is one world: its ways of wealth affect us all:

The way we spend,

The way we share, who are the rich or poor,

Who stand or fall?

Sending Forth

Benediction

Congregational Response AMEN!

Postlude *March in A minor* Levko Revutsky

**Please rise as you are comfortable.*

Donations to Support Ukraine

Our offerings to help the people of Ukraine will be sent to the humanitarian organization **Doctors Without Borders**. Thank you so much for your generous gifts so far.

Today's Worship Team

Rev. Art McDonald, Guest Minister
Kenneth Griffith II, Director of Music
David Collins, Keyboard
Kaleb Thomas, Soloist
The UUCGL Choir
Jack Butterworth, Worship Associate
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.