

ORDER OF SERVICE

February 20, 2022

Prelude *Adoration* Florence Price

Welcome and Announcements

Ingathering Chime

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn "Over My Head" No. 30 [STLT]

Over my head I hear music in the air.
Over my head I hear music in the air.
Over my head I hear music in the air.
There must be a God somewhere.

Over my head I hear singing in the air.
Over my head I see angels in the air.
Over my head I see trouble in the air.
There must be a God somewhere.

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.

Joys and Sorrows

Prayer

Musical Response "Spirit of Life" Carolyn McDade

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.

Reading *God of the Oppressed* James H. Cone

Anthem "The Storm Is Passing Over" Charles A. Tindley,
arr. Baker

Sermon "Divine Liberation" Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein

*Closing Hymn "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder" No. 211 [STLT]
African-American Spiritual

We are climbing Jacob's ladder
We are climbing Jacob's ladder
We are climbing Jacob's ladder,
we are climbing on.

Every round goes higher, higher
Every round goes higher, higher
Every round goes higher, higher,
we are climbing on.

If I stumble, will you help me?
If I stumble, will you help me?
If I stumble, will you help me?
We are climbing on.

Though the road is steep and rugged,
Though the road is steep and rugged,
Though the road is steep and rugged,
We are climbing on.

Sending Forth James Baldwin

Benediction

Congregational Response AMEN!

**Please rise as you are comfortable.*

Offertory

We will be accepting the Offering on the usher's table, where you can leave checks or cash to support the ministries of the church. For those joining us on Facebook Live, you may donate online at: uucgl.org/donate.

Today's Worship Team

The Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein, Parish Minister
Chris Scheller, Director of Community Life and Learning
Kenneth Griffith II, Director of Music
David Collins, Keyboard
The UUCGL Choir
Ruth Griffin, Worship Associate

WELCOME

Welcome, to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lynn!

Thank you for demonstrating your commitment to community well-being by wearing a mask and maintaining distance 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 children and some members are medically unable to be immunized, and we remain vigilant for them and for the extended community while we continue to experience transmission of COVID in MA.

Also to minimize close contact, we will be accepting the Offering on the usher's table, where you can leave checks or cash to support the ministries of the church.

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

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lynn
101 Forest Avenue • Swampscott MA 01907
781-595-8836
Website - www.uucgl.org

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.