

ORDER OF SERVICE
May 15, 2022

Prelude *The Deserted Cabin* R. Nathaniel Dett

Welcome and Announcements Dean McKennon

Ingathering Chime

Call to Worship Kelly Slater

*Opening Hymn “Simple Gifts” No. 16 [STLT]
 American Shaker Tune

‘Tis the gift to be simple,
‘Tis the gift to be free,
‘Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in a place just right,
‘Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained,
To bow and to bend we shan’t be ashamed,
To turn, turn will be our delight,
‘Till by turning, turning we come ‘round right.

Chalice Lighting Jack Butterworth
 From “House of Light” by Mary Oliver

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 Tracy Slater

Prayer and Meditation

**Please rise as you are comfortable.*

Reflection John Benson

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.

Remembering Lydia Breed, Artist Renee Covalucci
 Doneeca Thurston

Solo Ludwig van Beethoven
 Nur wer die Sehnsucht kennt

Reflection Jack Butterworth

*Closing Hymn American Freedom Song
 “We Shall Overcome”

We Shall Overcome, we shall overcome
We shall overcome someday.
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We shall overcome someday.

We are not afraid, we are not afraid,
We are not afraid today.
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We shall overcome someday.

We’ll walk hand in hand,
We’ll walk hand in hand,
We’ll walk hand in hand someday.
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We shall overcome someday.

Sending Forth Kelly Slater

Benediction Jack Butterworth
Congregational Response: *AMEN*

Postlude *Bagatelle No. 5* Ludwig van Beethoven

Extinguishing the Chalice

**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**. 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

Church History Ministry Team: Dean McKennon, Chair
John Benson, Jack Butterworth, Kelly Slater, Tracy Slater
Doneeca Thurston, Director - Lynn Museum
Renee Covalucci, President - The Boston Printmakers
The Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein, Parish Minister
Kenneth Griffith II, Director of Music
David Collins, Keyboard
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." While our community trusts science and we are vaccinated if medically able to be so, transmission rates are rapidly rising in Essex County. Even if not necessarily life-threatening, Covid is still a serious disease. Please continue to support one another in mitigating the spread: masks are encouraged, as is awareness of personal space.

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

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.