

## ORDER OF SERVICE

March 13, 2022

## Welcome and Announcements

## Ingathering Chime

## Introit "To See the World" Edvard Grieg

## Responsive Call to Worship

Minister: Holy and beautiful is the custom  
which brings us together,  
in the presence of the Most High.

Congregation: To face our ideals,  
To remember our loved ones in absence,  
To give thanks, to make confession,  
To offer forgiveness,  
To be enlightened, and to be strengthened.

Minister: Through this quiet hour breathes  
the worship of the ages,  
the cathedral music of history.

All: Three unseen guests attend,  
Faith, hope and love:  
Let all our hearts prepare them place.

\*Opening Hymn      "Morning Has Come"      No. 1000 [STJ]

Morning has come, arise and greet the day  
Dance with joy and sing a song of gladness!  
The light of hope here shines upon each face.  
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.

A new day dawns, once more the gift is giv'n.  
Wonder fills this morning shared together.  
The light of peace here shines upon each face.  
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.

## 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 and Meditation

## Musical Response

## Offertory

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Readings Shih-tou, 8th century Chinese monk  
Wendell Berry, 20th Century Farmer

## Sermon "Balance" Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein

Winds be still. Storm clouds pass and silence come.  
Peace grace this time with harmony.  
Fly, bird of hope, and shine, light of love,  
And in calm let all find tranquility.

Light shine in. Luminate our inward view.  
Help us to see with clarity.  
Shine bright and true so we may join our song  
in new sounds that become full symphony.

***\*Please rise as you are comfortable.***

Sending Forth

“To Know the Dark”

Wendell Berry

Benediction

Congregational Response AMEN!

Postlude

*Ukrainian Dance No. 3*

Viktor Kosenko

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### ***Today's Worship Team***

The Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein, Parish Minister

Kenneth Griffith II, Director of Music

David Collins, Keyboard

The UUCGL Choir

Claire Wilson, Reader

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### **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*.

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### **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.