

ORDER OF SERVICE

April 17, 2022

Prelude *Prayer* Friedrich Schneider

Welcome and Announcements

Ingathering Chime

Introit "The Call" Ralph Vaughan Williams
Flower Carrier Shaylah Kilroy

Opening Words

*Opening Hymn "O Day of Light and Gladness" No. 270 [STLT]
Verses 1 and 3

O day of light and gladness
Of prophecy and song
What thoughts within us waken
What hallowed memories throng!
The soul's horizon widens
Past, present, future blend;
And rises on our vision the life that has no end.
O Dawn of life eternal, to thee our hearts upraise
The Easter song of gladness,
The Passover of praise.
Thine are the many mansions,
The dead die not to thee,
Who fillest from thy fullness time and eternity.

Chalice Lighting Braden and Shaylah Kilroy

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.

Story for All Ages

Musical Response verse 2 No. 270 [STLT]

Earth feels the season's joyance,
From mountain range to sea
The tides of life are flowing
Fresh, manifold and free.
In valley and on upland,
By forest pathways dim,
All nature lifts in chorus the resurrection hymn.

Readings

From the Ancient from The Gospel of Luke 24

From the Contemporary by Mary Oliver

"On Thy Wondrous Works I Will Mediate (Psalm 145)"

Offertory "Easter" Ralph Vaughan Williams

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.

Candles of Hope and Healing

You are welcome to light a candle on the altar table during the music.

The Sermon "Take And See"

Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein

Anthem "Gloria" from *Heiligmesse* FJ Haydn

Prayer

*Closing Hymn No. 12 [STLT]

"O Life That Maketh All Things New"
(verses 1, 2 & 4)

O Life that maketh all things new,
the blooming earth, our thoughts within,
our pilgrim feet, wet with thy dew, in gladness hither turn again.

From hand to hand the greeting flows,
from eye to eye the signals run,
from heart to heart, the bright hope glow;
the seekers of the light are one.

The freer step, the fuller breath,
the wide orizon's grander view,
the sense of life that knows no death,
the Life that maketh all things new.

Benediction

Congregational Response AMEN!

Postlude

Suite

Domenico Zipoli

Extinguishing the Chalice

EASTER PLANTS

Today's plants beautifying our sanctuary are in memory or honor of:

DONOR

Doreen Hodgkin and
Linda Jones

IN MEMORY/HONOR OF

Perley Henry Hodgkin
Dwight & Millie Jones
Tom Jones-Tavano

Today's Worship Team

The Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein, Parish Minister
Kenneth Griffith II, Director of Music
Leona Cheung, Keyboard
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." 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 through. May we carry love through.

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.

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.