

ORDER OF SERVICE

April 24, 2022

Prelude *The Swan* St. Saens

Welcome and Announcements

Ingathering Chime

Introit “For the Earth Forever Turning” No. 163 [STLT]

Opening Words

*Opening Hymn No. 203 [STLT]

“All Creatures of the Earth and Sky”

Verses 1 and 4

All creatures of the earth and sky
Come kindred, lift your voices high,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beam,
Soft shining moon with silver gleam,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Allelu---ia!

Embracing earth thou day by day
Bring forth your blessings on our way
Alleluia, Alleluia!
All herbs and fruits that richly grow
Let them the glory also show:
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Allelu---ia!

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.

Joys and Sorrows

Prayer

Poems: Congregational Sharing

Anthem “So Still” Brian Tate

Reading Lyanda Lynn Haupt
Rooted: Life At the Crossroads of Science, Nature and Spirit

Refection “Frog Church”
Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein

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.

Community Sharing “Sacred Space”

*Closing Hymn No. 81 [STLT]

“The Wordless Mountains Bravely Still”
(verses 1,4,5)

The wordless mountains bravely still,
The ground below us firm and free
The gentle quilt of field and hill,
Shall grant us solid dignity.

The slow and gracious ocean deep,
And raindrops gathering one by one,
Feed well-springs into our souls to keep
For times when tears like rivers run.

The earth and water, fire and air,
The elements of wondrous grace,
The glory of creation rare
Encircles us in its embrace.

Sending Forth

Benediction

Postlude *The Birch Tree* Jean Sibelius

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

The Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein, Parish Minister

Kenneth Griffith II, Director of Music

David Collins, Keyboard

The UUCGL Choir

Jason Gatlin, Livestream Service

Steve Deveau, Videographer

W E L C O M E

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.

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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.