

ORDER OF SERVICE

April 3, 2022

Prelude *Lost Illusions* F. Mendelssohn

Welcome and Announcements

Ingathering Chime

Introit “Resilience” Words/Music, Abbie Betinis

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn “Here We Have Gathered” No. 360 [STLT]
Verses 1,2

Here we have gathered, gathered side by side;
Circle of kinship, come and step inside!
May all who seek here find a kindly word;
May all who speak here feel they have been heard.
Sing now together this, our hearts’ own song.

Here we have gathered, called to celebrate
Days of our lifetime, matters small and great:
We of all ages, women, children, men,
Infants and sages, sharing what we can.
Sing now together this, our hearts’ own song.

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

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Reading from Things That Join the Sea and the Sky Mark Nepo

Solo “The Wizard and I” Kaleb Thomas

Sermon “Illusioned”
Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein

*Closing Hymn “Wake, Now, My Senses” No. 298 [STLT]
Verses 1,3,5

Wake, now, my sense, and hear the earth call;
Feel the deep power of being in all;
Keep, with the web of creation your vow,
Giving, receiving as love shows us how.

Wake, now, compassion, give heed to the cry;
Voices of suffering fill the wide sky;
Take as your neighbor both stranger and friend,
Praying and striving their hardship to end.

Wake, now, my vision of ministry clear;
Brighten my pathway with radiance here;
Mingle my calling with all who will share;
Work toward a planet transformed by our care.

Sending Forth

Benediction

Congregational Response AMEN!

Postlude *Spring Dance* E. Grieg

**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

The Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein, Parish Minister

Kenneth Griffith II, Director of Music

David Collins, Keyboard

Kaleb Thomas, Soloist

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." 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*.

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.