

## ORDER OF SERVICE

February 27, 2022

Prelude

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor  
*Three-Fours Suite (Andante)*

Welcome and Announcements

Suzanne Forgiione

Ingathering Chime

Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn      "This Old World"      No. 315 [STLT]  
*Congregation welcome to sing the last two verses*

Verse 3:

This old world can be a garden,  
Full of fragrance, full of grace;  
If we love our neighbors truly,  
We must meet them face to face.

Verse 4:

It is said now, "Love thy neighbor,"  
And we know well that is true;  
This, the sum of human labor,  
True for me as well as you.

Chalice Lighting

Jack Butterworth  
"The Hill We Climb" excerpts      Amanda Gorman

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

Martha Curry

*\*Please rise as you are comfortable.*

Musical Meditation

Reading      "Still I Rise" by Maya Angelou      Jack Butterworth

Anthem      "Undivided"      Karen Marrolli

*When darkness drops an anchor in the fearful oceans of our minds,  
And when the world is full of rancor, I can choose to be kind.  
And maybe more will find the quiet rivers, where we'll lift  
a peaceful melody,  
And undivided we will stand, stand together, hand in hand.*

*And when hatred shatters silence, and each one clings to each one's will,  
And when the world bows down to violence, I can refuse to kill.  
And maybe more will join in sweet resistance, singing chords  
in gentle harmony.  
And undivided we will stand, stand together, hand in hand.*

*And when anger breeds division, we can choose to stand side by side.*

*And when the world exalts derision, we can choose to lift each other high.  
And maybe then we'll join in one big chorus, singing songs of  
peace and unity.  
And undivided we will stand, stand together, hand in hand.*

Sermon      Martha Curry

"Justice is What Love Looks Like in Public"

\*Closing Hymn      No. 1029 [STJ]

"Love Knocks and Waits for Us to Hear"

Solo, Congregation, Choir, Congregation

Verse 2 - Congregation:  
Love offers life, in spite of foes  
who threaten and condemn;  
Embracing enemies,  
Love goes the second mile with them.

Verse 4 - Congregation:  
Love knocks and enters at the sound  
Of welcome from within;  
Love sings and dances all around,  
and feels new life begin.

Sending Forth      Michael Celona

Benediction

Congregational Response      AMEN!

Postlude

*Juba Dance*

R. Nathaniel Dett

#### Offertory

We will be accepting the Offering on the usher's table, where you can leave checks or cash to support the ministries of the church. For those joining us on Facebook Live, you may donate online at: [uucgl.org/donate](http://uucgl.org/donate).

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

The Social Justice Ministry Team  
Kenneth Griffith II, Director of Music  
David Collins, Keyboard  
Marnen Laibow-Koser, Violinist  
The UUCGL Choir

#### **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 wearing a mask and maintaining distance 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 children and some members are medically unable to be immunized, and we remain vigilant for them and for the extended community while we continue to experience transmission of COVID in MA.

Also to minimize close contact, we will be accepting the Offering on the usher's table, where you can leave checks or cash to support the ministries of the church.

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.