

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY
OF GRAFTON AND UPTON
April 14, 2024

“Let the Word Go Forth”
with Guest in the Pulpit Rev. Stephen Cook



UUSGU Mission Statement:
Spark the spirit and the mind.
Kindle loving community.
Ignite social justice in the world.

Unitarian Universalist Society of Grafton and Upton

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Today's flowers are in celebration of the bonds of beloved community among congregations in the Blackstone River Valley

Call to Worship

Debbie Pourali

Prelude

Lisa Utzig

"Oh Sing Sweet Nightingale" by Mac David, Al Hoffman, Jerry Livingston

Welcome

Debbie Pourali

Chalice Lighting

(see blue music card in pew pocket)

*Hymn

Lisa Utzig

"Spring Has Now Unwrapped the Flowers"
#63 in *Singing the Living Tradition*

A Time For All Ages

Alison Snyder

"Not This Bear!" by Bernice Myers

RE Recessional "On Your Way" by J. Livingston

Go with wisdom, go with wonder
go to meet a brand new day.
Learn to seek the light within you
as we send you on your way.

Sharing of Joys and Sorrows

Debbie Pourali

Prayer

Rev. Stephen Cook

*Hymn of the Month

Lisa Utzig

"Morning Has Broken" #38 in *Singing the Living Tradition*

Reading

Rev. Stephen Cook

The Gettysburg Address of Abraham Lincoln and
an excerpt from the inaugural address of John F. Kennedy

Sermon

Rev. Stephen Cook

Invitation to Generosity

Debbie Pourali

Our Share the Plate: Open Sky's Community Services' Autism Spectrum Disorder Program.
This Program supports adults diagnosed with ASD to live independently and develop a sense of community. The program offers care coordination such as help scheduling appointments, opportunities for community involvement and peer socialization, and support with life skills (paying bills, obtaining employment, or completing education).



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Offertory Music

Lisa Utzig

John Brown's Body (Glory, Glory Hallelujah) – Traditional American

John Brown (1800-1859), was an American farmer and opponent of slavery, who was executed after leading an uprising in 1859– two years before the start of the Civil War.

Offertory Response

(see yellow music card in pew pocket)

Announcements

Debbie Pourali

* Hymn

Lisa Utzig

"We Shall Overcome" #169 in *Singing the Living Tradition*

* Invitation

Debbie Pourali

* Extinguishing the Chalice

(see blue music card in pew pocket)

* Benediction

Rev. Stephen Cook

Postlude

Lisa Utzig

**Please rise in body or spirit*

Events Calendar

Today, Sunday, April 14th

- 10:00am Service
- 3:30pm Girl Scouts

Coming this Week:

Tuesday, April 16th

- 6:30pm AA

Wednesday, April 17th

- 5:00pm - 7:00pm Rev. Daniel Office Hours
 - Contact Rev. Daniel minister@uusgu.org
- 6:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
 - Contact Lisa Utzig music@uusgu.org
- 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
 - Contact Lisa Utzig music@uusgu.org

Thursday, April 18th

- 2:00pm Circle of Sisters
 - Contact Joann Duncan admin@uusgu.or
- 7:30pm Men's Group
 - Contact Dave Nichols nicholsdavid0@gmail.com

Saturday, April 20th

- 11:00am New Writer's Group
 - Contact Kate Gregoire katheanderson@gmail.com
- 4:00pm Tea with the Minister and Kate
 - Contact Kate Gregoire katheanderson@gmail.com

For information on future events please see the Church calendar at UUSGU.org.

A Place to Create:

Use this space to brainstorm with words or symbols what a true democratic society looks like to you. How can we hold on to that democratic society?

UUSGU celebrates and supports all people regardless of age, race, marital status, gender identity, sexual orientation, class, ability, language, nationality, or cultural background.

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Debbie Pourali

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Altar Flowers: To donate flowers please use the envelopes in the pews or contact the church office at admin@uusgu.org. The suggested donation is \$25.

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