

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY
OF GRAFTON AND UPTON
February 25, 2024

“Balance in an Age of Overproduction”

Social Justice Sunday
with Rev. Daniel Gregoire



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, February 25, 2024

Today's flowers are in celebration of the spirituality found in the natural world.

Call to Worship

Rev. Daniel Gregoire

Prelude

Lisa Utzig

"Yoshi's Music Box" from Yoshi's Island— Koji Kondo

Welcome

Kate Gregoire

Chalice Lighting

(see blue music card in pew pocket)

***Hymn**

Lisa Utzig

"Do You Hear?" #112 in *Singing the Living Tradition*

A Time For All Ages

Cherilyn Reno

"Too Much Stuff!" by Emily Gravett

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

Kate Gregoire

Responsive Prayer

Rev. Daniel Gregoire

(see insert)

***Hymn of the Month**

Lisa Utzig

"Sleep My Child" #409 in *Singing the Living Tradition*

Reading

Rev. Daniel Gregoire

"Architecture of Time" - from *The Sabbath* by Abraham Joshua Heschel

Sermon

Rev. Daniel Gregoire

Social Justice Moment

Donna Trainor

Invitation to Generosity

Kate Gregoire

Our Share the Plate: The Village Worcester

The Village Worcester is an Afrocentric cultural, learning, and healing center in the Main South neighborhood of Worcester, MA. The Village builds grassroots power by connecting BIPOC groups, healers, and individuals whose work is rooted in racial justice, learning, creativity, community, and healing.



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Offertory Music

"I'll Fly Away" – Albert E. Brumley

Lisa Utzig

Offertory Response

(see yellow music card in pew pocket)

Announcements

Kate Gregoire

*** Hymn**

"We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder" #211 in *Singing the Living Tradition*

Lisa Utzig

*** Invitation**

Rev. Daniel Gregoire

*** Extinguishing the Chalice**

(see blue music card in pew pocket)

*** Benediction**

Rev. Daniel Gregoire

Postlude

Lisa Utzig

**Please rise in body or spirit*

Responsive Prayer

UN Environmental Sabbath Program

Great Spirit, whose dry lands thirst, help us to find the way to refresh your lands.

We pray for your power to refresh your lands.

Great Spirit, whose waters are choked with debris [plastics] and pollution, help us to find the way to cleanse your waters

We pray for your knowledge to find the way to cleanse the waters.

Great Spirit, whose beautiful earth grows ugly with misuse, help us to find the way to restore beauty to your handiwork

We pray for your strength to restore the beauty of your handiwork.

Great Spirit, whose creatures are being destroyed, help us to find a way to replenish them.

We pray for your power to replenish the earth.

Great Spirit, whose gifts to us are being lost in selfishness and corruption, help us to find the way to restore our humanity

We [ask] for your wisdom [and your strength] to find the way to restore our humanity [and the Earth].

Easter Flowers

We are selling six inch potted tulips to decorate the Sanctuary for our Easter Service being held on March 31st. The flowers can be purchased in memory of someone special or to celebrate a person or event. **We are hoping everyone who purchases flowers will take them home after the service.**

Orders must be in no later than Sunday, March 10th. Please complete this form and leave it in the offertory basket or send it to the church office.

Payment may be made by check, cash, or online using paypal or venmo. Please make a notation either on the check, cash envelope, or online app that the payment is for Easter flowers.

Easter Flower Order Form

of 6" Tulips _____ @ \$12.50 = _____

Please acknowledge these flowers as given by:

and

in loving memory of:

or

in celebration of:

Events Calendar

Today, Sunday, February 25th

- 10:00am Worship Service
- 11:30am Youth Group

Coming this Week:

Monday, February 26th

- 10:00am Women's Wisdom Circle
 - Contact Helena Leet-Pellegrini leetpellegrini@gmail.com

Tuesday, February 27th

- 6:30pm AA

Wednesday, February 28th

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

Thursday, February 29th

- 7:30pm Finance Committee
 - Contact Kevin Hayes hayesk@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 the implications of living in harmony with the natural world. How do you seek out balance in an age of overproduction?

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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Music Director - Lisa Utzig

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Audio Visual Assistance: *Large print orders of service are available from the greeters in the vestibule of the Meeting House.*

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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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