

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY
OF GRAFTON AND UPTON
September 10th, 2023

"The Ripples We Make"
Water Communion and Homecoming Sunday
with Rev. Daniel Gregoire and Cherilyn Reno, DRE



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, September 10th, 2023

Today's flowers are in celebration of our Beloved Community

Community Music	Lisa Utzig
Call to Worship	Rev. Daniel Gregoire
Prelude "Ah, Leave Me Not To Pine" from <i>The Pirates of Penzance</i> – Gilbert & Sullivan	Lisa Utzig
Welcome	MB DeKara
Chalice Lighting (see blue music card in pew pocket)	
*Hymn "There's A River Flowin' in My Soul" #1007 in <i>Singing the Journey</i>	Lisa Utzig
Story Part One "The Two Travelers" by Cherilyn Reno, based on a traditional tale	Cherilyn Reno
Sharing of Joys and Sorrows	MB DeKara
Prayer	Rev. Daniel Gregoire
*Hymn of the Month "Come, Come, Whoever You Are" #188 in <i>Singing the Living Tradition</i>	Lisa Utzig
Story Part Two	Cherilyn Reno
Homily	Rev. Daniel Gregoire

Our Share the Plate: Haitian Refugee Families

At the beginning of August, nine Haitian families, approximately 40 individuals, were placed in a hotel in the Town of Westborough. The Town of Westborough is working to ensure these families have food, shelter, medical care, transportation, and access to services. On a weekly basis, our contributions will be used to help provide basic needs for these families.



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Offertory Music

"Turn the World Around" by Harry Belafonte

UUSGU Choir

Offertory Response

"From You I Receive" #402 in *Singing the Living Tradition*

From you I receive, to you I give,
Together we share, and from this we live.

***Hymn**

"Gonna Lay Down My Sword and Shield" #162 in *Singing the Living Tradition*

Lisa Utzig

Blessing of Backpacks

*** Extinguishing the Chalice**

(see blue music card in pew pocket)

*** Benediction**

Rev. Daniel Gregoire

Postlude

Lisa Utzig

**Please rise in body or spirit*

Events Calendar

Today, Sunday, September 10th

- 10:00am Worship Service
- 11:30am Fellowship Hour and Welcome Back Lunch

Coming this Week:

Monday, September 11th

- 10:00am Women's Wisdom Circle
 - Contact Helena Leet-Pellegrini leetpellegrini@gmail.com
- 7:00pm Social Justice Meeting
 - Contact Alison Snyder AlisonDSnyder@gmail.com

Tuesday, September 12th

- 6:30pm AA
- 7:30pm Adult Covenant
 - Contact Donna Maria Cameron camerondonnamaria@gmail.com

Wednesday, September 13th

- 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
 - Contact Lisa Utzig lisa@uusgu.org

Saturday, September 16th

- 8:30am Beth Tikvah

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 Water Communion means to you. How does the mingling of our diverse experiences create a rippling power within our Beloved Community?

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

UUSGU Staff:

Rev. Daniel Gregoire

Director of Religious Exploration - Cherilyn Reno

Music Director - Lisa Utzig

Thank you to today's volunteers:

MB DeKara and Stephanie Crist, Elizabeth Carrignant, Kate and Grace Gregoire, Lauren Scott, and Ashlyn Seligman

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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.

Gifts and Pledges: UUSGU is supported by the gifts and pledges of members and friends. Please reach out to admin@uusgu.org to learn how to give.

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