

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY  
OF GRAFTON AND UPTON  
November 5th, 2023

**“A Pathway of Memory”**  
**All Souls Sunday**  
with Rev. Daniel Gregoire



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**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, November 5th, 2023

Today's flowers are in honor of the sacred memory of those who have passed on.

**Community Music**

Lisa Utzig

**Call to Worship**

Rev. Daniel Gregoire

**Prelude**

Lisa Utzig

"Quiet Autumn" from the video game DELTARUNE by Toby Fox

**Welcome**

Christine Johnson

**Chalice Lighting**

(see blue music card in pew pocket)

**\*Hymn**

Lisa Utzig

"Spirit of Life" #123 in *Singing the Living Tradition*

**A Time For All Ages**

Cherilyn Reno

"Freddy's Life" by Cherilyn Reno

based on "The Fall of Freddy the Leaf" by Leo Buscaglia

**RE Recessional**

(see yellow music card in pew pocket)

**Sharing of Joys and Sorrows**

Christine Johnson

**Prayer**

Rev. Daniel Gregoire

**\*Hymn of the Month**

Lisa Utzig

"As Tranquil Streams" #145 in *Singing the Living Tradition*

**Responsive Reading**

Rev. Daniel Gregoire

#720 in *Singing the Living Tradition*

**Sermon**

Rev. Daniel Gregoire

## Slideshow

Lisa Utzig

“Graceful Ghost Rag” by William Bolcom

## Moment for Contemplation

Christine Johnson

## Invitation to Generosity

Christine Johnson

### Our Share the Plate: The Worcester County Food Bank

The Worcester County Food Bank (WCFB) is one of three Feeding America member food banks in Massachusetts. They partner with food and fund donors, volunteers, business and community leaders to provide donated food to neighbors throughout Central Massachusetts who need it.



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## Offertory Music

Lisa Utzig

La Guadalupana

## Offertory Response

(see yellow music card in pew pocket)

## Announcements

Christine Johnson

### \* Hymn

Lisa Utzig

“Abide With Me” #101 in *Singing the Living Tradition*

### \* Invitation

Rev. Daniel Gregoire

### \* Extinguishing the Chalice

(see blue music card in pew pocket)

### \* Benediction

Rev. Daniel Gregoire

## Postlude

Lisa Utzig

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*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

## **Musical Notes on “Graceful Ghost Rag”**

William Bolcom (1938- ) is a Pulitzer prize winning composer and pianist from Seattle, WA. He wrote "Graceful Ghost Rag" in 1970 as one of a set of three "Ghost" rags. Partially inspired by Scott Joplin's extensive catalog of ragtime music, he also penned the pieces as a tribute to his late father, who was a fan of Joplin and frequently played ragtime records while Bolcolm was a child. "Graceful Ghost Rag" has a hauntingly beautiful melody, and the sudden key-change in the middle of the piece evokes a feeling of wistful nostalgia.

*As an aside, this is one of my favorite piano pieces (I say this about a lot of piano pieces, but I really mean it this time). During the summer of 2020 when we were stuck at home, I set up my keyboard in my mother's flower garden and recorded this piece. And when I posted it on social media William Bolcom shared my video! It has become one of my favorite memories of those difficult times. --Lisa*

### **Request for Volunteers November 10th from 10:00am-11:30am**

We are looking for eight people to help with the migrant families living at the Red Roof Inn on Friday, November 10th from 10:00am-11:30am. We will be measuring the children's feet that day. If you have any questions or are able to help, please contact Joann in the church office at [admin@uusgu.org](mailto:admin@uusgu.org). Thank you for your assistance with this very important project!

## Events Calendar

### Today, Sunday, November 5th

- 10:00am Worship Service
- 11:30am Youth Group Meeting
- 2:00pm Church Trip to Concord

### Coming this Week:

#### Monday, November 6th

- 10:00am Women's Wisdom Circle
  - Contact Helena Leet Pellegrini [leetpellegrini@gmail.com](mailto:leetpellegrini@gmail.com)

#### Tuesday, November 7th

- 6:30pm AA

#### Wednesday, November 8th

- 5:00pm - 7:00pm Rev. Daniel Office Hours
  - Contact Rev. Daniel [minister@uusgu.org](mailto:minister@uusgu.org)

#### Thursday, November 9th

- 7:00pm Board of Trustees
  - Contact David VanZandt [President@uusgu.org](mailto:President@uusgu.org)

#### Friday, November 10th

- 5:00pm Beth Tikvah

For information on future events please see the Church calendar at [UUSGU.org](http://UUSGU.org)

***A Place to Create:***

*Use this space to brainstorm with words or symbols how you have and continue to move through the tree of life. What special memory of a loved one did you bring to this service and why?*

*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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