

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY  
OF GRAFTON AND UPTON  
October 8th, 2023

**"The World in the Mirror"**  
**Social Justice 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.**

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Today's flowers are dedicated to the Haitian migrants living in New England.

<b>Community Music</b>	Lisa Utzig
<b>Call to Worship</b>	Rev. Daniel Gregoire
<b>Prelude</b> Part one: Largo from Symphony No. 9 in E minor "From the new world"-- Antonín Dvořák	Lisa Utzig
<b>Welcome</b>	Kate Gregoire
<b>Chalice Lighting</b> (see blue music card in pew pocket)	
<b>*Hymn</b> "Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire" #34 in <i>Singing the Living Tradition</i>	Lisa Utzig
<b>A Time For All Ages</b> "Journey Toward Hope" by Victor Hinojosa and Coert Voorhees	Cherilyn Reno
<b>RE Recessional</b> (see yellow music card in pew pocket)	
<b>Sharing of Joys and Sorrows</b>	Kate Gregoire
<b>Prayer</b>	Rev. Daniel Gregoire
<b>*Hymn of the Month</b> "The Fire of Commitment" #1028 in <i>Singing the Journey</i>	Lisa Utzig
<b>Reading</b> "Home" By Warsan Shire - British-Somali Poet (redacted)	Rev. Daniel Gregoire

**Sermon**

Rev. Daniel Gregoire

**Invitation to Generosity**

Kate Gregoire

**Our Share the Plate: Haitian Refugee Families**

Since the beginning of August, Haitian families have been placed in hotels in the Towns of Westborough, Northborough, and Sutton. These towns are working to ensure the 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. In addition, Rev. Daniel has been helping with pastoral care and securing translation services for families.



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**Offertory Music**

Part two: Largo from Symphony No. 9 in E minor  
"From the new world" -- Antonín Dvořák

Lisa Utzig

**Offertory Response**

(see yellow music card in pew pocket)

**\*Hymn**

"One More Step" #168 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

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*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

## About Today's Prelude and Offertory Music

An excerpt from NPR's "American Anthem" article on Dvořák's "New World" 9th Symphony:

**How The 'New World' Symphony Introduced American Music To Itself** by Tom Huizenga -- November 24, 2018

Sometimes it takes an outsider to point out what's great about a culture. That's exactly what Czech composer Antonin Dvorak was when he came to the U.S. at the end of the 19th century, an immigrant thrown into a new world and new sounds.

Out of that experience, he wrote a symphony for America: Dvorak's Symphony No. 9, subtitled "From the New World," has become one of the world's most beloved orchestral works. It also produced a melody that is a hymn and an anthem to what American music can be. [...]

Dvorak recognized a rich tradition sitting under his nose, one that most American composers seemed blind to. He wove American roots music into his vast symphonic canvas. And, inspired by black spirituals, he came up with a bittersweet melody that would become a spiritual of its own: the "Largo," the symphony's second movement, a kind of song without words scored for the English horn.

After Dvorak died, the "Largo" was turned into "Goin' Home" in 1922 by William Arms Fisher — a white student of Dvorak's, who added words to the composer's melody. "Most people who know "Goin' Home" assume that it's a spiritual that Dvorak quoted," [American historian Joe] Horowitz says. In fact, it was the other way around: Dvorak's melody went from the concert hall to the church hymnbook.

## Events Calendar

### Today, Sunday, October 1st

- 10:00am Worship Service
- 11:30am RE Youth Safety Policy Training
- 11:30am Worship Committee Meeting
- 11:30am Youth Group Meeting

### Coming this Week:

#### Monday, October 2nd

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

#### Tuesday, October 3rd

- 9:00am Tuesday Morning Coffee
  - Contact Alison Snyder [AlisonDSnyder@gmail.com](mailto:AlisonDSnyder@gmail.com)
- 6:30pm AA
- 7:30pm Adult Covenant Group
  - Contact Donna Maria Cameron [camerondonnamaria@gmail.com](mailto:camerondonnamaria@gmail.com)

#### Wednesday, October 4th

- 5:00pm - 7:00pm Rev. Daniel Office Hours
  - Contact Rev. Daniel [minister@uusgu.org](mailto:minister@uusgu.org)
- 6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
  - Contact Lisa Utzig [lisa@uusgu.org](mailto:lisa@uusgu.org)

#### Thursday, October 5th

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

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 relationship between migration and our first UU Principle. How is the Haitian experience in New England a microcosm of humanity's quest for worth and dignity?*

*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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