

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY
OF GRAFTON AND UPTON
October 15th, 2023

**"Everything Happens for a Reason
.....or Does it?"**

with Guest in the Pulpit Rev. Elaine Bomford



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, October 15th, 2023

Today's flowers are a symbol of the peace we hope for throughout the World.

Community Music	Lisa Utzig
Call to Worship	Rev. Elaine Bomford
Prelude "Palm Garden" by Thomas "Fats" Waller	Lisa Utzig
Welcome	Michael Quarrey
Chalice Lighting (see blue music card in pew pocket)	
*Hymn "Dear Weaver of Our Lives Design" #22 in <i>Singing the Living Tradition</i>	Lisa Utzig
A Time For All Ages "Say Something!" by Peter H. Reynolds	Alison Snyder
RE Recessional (see yellow music card in pew pocket)	
Sharing of Joys and Sorrows	Michael Quarrey
Prayer	Rev. Elaine Bomford
Hymn "Life is the Greatest Gift of All" #331 in <i>Singing the Living Tradition</i>	Lisa Utzig
Reading "All The Way Shay!" Author Unknown	Rev. Elaine Bomford
Sermon	Rev. Elaine Bomford

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

"Sneakin' Home" by Thomas "Fats" Waller

Lisa Utzig

Offertory Response

(see yellow music card in pew pocket)

Announcements

Michael Quarrey

***Hymn of the Month**

Lisa Utzig

"The Fire of Commitment" #1028 in *Singing the Journey*

Invitation

Michael Quarrey

*** Extinguishing the Chalice**

(see blue music card in pew pocket)

*** Benediction**

Rev. Elaine Bomford

Postlude

Lisa Utzig

**Please rise in body or spirit*

Events Calendar

Today, Sunday, October 15th

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

Coming this Week:

Monday, October 16th

- 7:00pm Social Justice Meeting
 - Contact Alison Snyder AlisonDSnyder@gmail.com

Tuesday, October 17th

- 6:30pm AA

Wednesday, October 18th

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

Thursday, October 19th

- 2:00pm Circle of Sisters
 - Contact Bernadette Warwick bj.warwick@verizon.net
- 7:30pm Men's Group
 - Contact Dave Nichols dave@odic.com

Saturday, October 21st

- 10:00am Artist's Way
 - Contact Kate Gregoire katheanderson@gmail.com
- 5:30pm Potluck Dinner
 - Contact Joann admin@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 what the phrase “everything happens for a reason” means to you. Do you believe everything happens for a reason? Why or why not?

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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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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