

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY
OF GRAFTON AND UPTON
March 10, 2024

“Moving in the Right Direction”

Stewardship 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, March 10, 2024

Today's flowers are in celebration of the places we'll go
as a Beloved Community!

Call to Worship

Rev. Daniel Gregoire

Prelude

Lisa Utzig

6 Ecosaises, WoO 83 by Ludwig van Beethoven – no.1- no.3

Welcome

Stephanie Salvi

Chalice Lighting

(see blue music card in pew pocket)

***Hymn**

Lisa Utzig

"Here We Have Gathered" #360 in *Singing the Living Tradition*

A Time For All Ages

Cherilyn Reno

"Building the Dream"

an original story by Cherilyn and Arwen Reno, based on a traditional nursery rhyme

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

Stephanie Salvi

Prayer

Rev. Daniel Gregoire

***Hymn of the Month**

Lisa Utzig

"Lo, The Earth Awakes Again" #61 in *Singing the Living Tradition*

Reading

Rev. Daniel Gregoire

"Starlings in Winter" by Mary Oliver

Sermon

Rev. Daniel Gregoire

Invitation to Generosity

Stephanie Salvi

Our Share the Plate: The YWCA of Central Massachusetts

For more than 125 years, the YWCA Central Massachusetts has served as a life-long positive force for women and girls, their families and communities. Their mission is to eliminate racism and empower women. To provide safe places for women and girls, build strong women leaders, and advocate for both women's and civil rights.



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Offertory Music

6 Ecosaises, no.4- no.6

Lisa Utzig

Offertory Response

(see yellow music card in pew pocket)

Announcements

Stephanie Salvi

*** Hymn**

Lisa Utzig

"We're Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table" #407 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

**Please rise in body or spirit*

Musical Notes

From Lisa Utzig, Music Director

WoO is not a typo (though I am excited to be presenting these Ecossaises today. Woo!). It stands for "Werke ohne Opuszahl" which is German for "works without an opus number." It's a term that's mostly used to refer to Beethoven works, because he left so many partially-finished or un-numbered pieces that music historians had to start numbering them to keep them all straight. In fact, there are over 200 WoO in the official Beethoven catalogue, including one of his most iconic piano pieces: Bagatelle in A minor (WoO 59), better known as Für Elise.

~ my favorite Beethoven fact: ~

Towards the end of his life when he was entirely deaf, Beethoven communicated with people mostly by having them write down their side of the conversation to him in notebooks. These notebooks give us a lot of information on the little details of his day-to-day life-- for instance, we know that he got a haircut right before the premiere of his 9th Symphony, because several people he talked to in the book complimented him on it.

Events Calendar

Today, Sunday, March 10th

- 10:00am Worship Service
- 11:30am RE Committee Meeting
- 11:30am Youth Group
- 11:45 Worship Committee Meeting

Coming this Week:

Monday, March 11th

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

Tuesday, March 12th

- 9:00am Tuesday Coffee Club
 - Contact Alison Snyder AlisonDSnyder@gmail.com
- 6:30pm AA

Wednesday, March 13th

- 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, March 14th

- 7:00 Board of Trustees Meeting
 - Contact David Van Zandt president@uusgu.org

Saturday, March 16th

- 11:00am New Writers Group
 - 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 murmurations of our church look like to you. Where do you feel we could go, if we went together?

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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