UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY
OF GRAFTON AND UPTON
April 3, 2022

We are the Practice

Stewardship 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, April 3rd, 2022
with Rev. Daniel Gregoire
Director of Religious Exploration – Cherilyn Reno
Music Director – Barry Hall
Worship Associate – Christine Johnson

Community Music Eileen Lloyd
"Ave Verum Corpus" by Mozart

Call to Worship Rev. Daniel Gregoire

Prelude UUSGU Choir
"How Rare It Is" by Percy and Barry Hall

Welcome Christine Johnson

Chalice Lighting

Life is a gift for which we are grateful.
We gather in community to celebrate
the glories and the mysteries of this great gift.

A Time For All Ages Alison Snyder
"Stone Soup"

Sharing of Joys and Sorrows Christine Johnson

Prayer Rev. Daniel Gregoire

***Hymn in Motion** Created by the UUSGU Beloved Community
"From You I Receive, To You I Give"

Reading Rev. Daniel Gregoire
From the *"Discourses of Epictetus"* (c.50 - 135 CE)
Translation by Thomas Wentworth Higginson

Sermon Rev. Daniel Gregoire

Invitation to Generosity Christine Johnson

Our Share the Plate:

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Worcester, in conjunction with Immanuel Lutheran Church of Holden and Beth Israel of Worcester are helping to resettle a 12 member family from Afghanistan ranging in age from 5 to 50. Our contributions will go to this incredible work and help to offset the family's living expenses.

Use the QR code to donate with a credit card, or these apps:

Venmo: @UUSGU_Treasurer
PayPal: donate@uusgu.org

Add a note in the app (or email admin@uusgu.org) to specify **"plate"** or **"pledge"** and choose **"sending to a friend"** (instead of "Paying for Good & Services").

Offertory Music Eileen Lloyd
"Air" by Bach

Stewardship Testimonial

*** Invitation** Rev. Daniel Gregoire

*** Extinguishing the Chalice**

*** Benediction**

Postlude Eileen Lloyd
"Praeludium" by Flor Peeters

Parents please go to the RE Space in the basement and gather your children.

You are welcome to socialize at the front of the sanctuary after the service or join others in the Fellowship Hall for a hot beverage.

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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Worship at UUSGU in the Time of Covid

You will notice that the greeters have somewhat different roles than in the past:

- The greeters may ask you to wear your mask, everyone is required to wear a face mask properly when inside of the church.
- They may have handed you a mask upon entering, if you did not have one, or they might have directed you to add a green sticker to your name tag if you are open to physical contact, hugging, or handshakes.
- Even with a sticker we are encouraging a culture of consent, by always asking if it is ok to hug, or handshake, and that is especially true with children. And, we honor those who have decided not to have a green sticker on their name tag, and are refraining from physical contact.

Music will be an opportunity to use our bodies as prayer, we will find the voice of our bodies.

- Singing in this context is not recommended, and is not allowed for the time being.
- However, we can move, dance and praise with our hands and arms, and sway to the rhythm as the spirit moves us.

You will notice that the offering happens differently:

- You may want to locate the QR code in your printed Order of Service and use your smartphone to make an electronic contribution if you wish to do so.
- There are donation boxes at either entrance of the sanctuary to collect donations. You are welcome to place any physical donations, Visitor's forms, and contact tracing forms there on your way out today.

Finally, you are now welcome to stay and socialize in the Sanctuary after the service or in the Fellowship Hall where you can enjoy a hot beverage. There will be no food provided at this time.

The Parlor is a room for those who are fully vaccinated only during the worship service, and is off limits to all others at this time.

All of these are gestures, simple acts that communicate our depth of affection and consideration for each other, they are temporary, and they will help us to remain one beloved community. These and other gestures embody the covenant we make to one another and I thank you in advance for doing your very best to abide by them.

Don’t forget to place your mobile phones and other electronic devices into “Worship” mode, which is to say silent or Do Not Disturb mode.

Thank you and blessed be.

Events Calendar

Today, Sunday, April 3rd
10:00am Worship Service

Coming this Week:

Sunday, April 3rd

- 2:00pm Senior Youth Group
  - Contact Danae Allison at danaemallison@gmail.com
- 3:30pm Brownie Troop 65229 in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 5th

- 6:30-8:30pm AA in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 6th

- 10:00am Women's Wisdom Circle
  - Contact Helena Leet-Pellegrini at leetpellegrini@gmail.com
- 7:00pm Cherilyn Reno, DRE Office Hour
  - Contact Cherilyn Reno at Cherilyn@uusgu.org

Thursday, April 7th

- 7:00pm Worship Committee Meeting
  - Contact Rev. Daniel at Minister@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 images what stewardship means to you? How does it allow you to affirm your commitment to 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.

Thank you to today's volunteers:
Greeters:
Worship Associate: Christine Johnson
Board of Trustees

President:	Ted Beauvais
Vice President:	David Van Zandt
Secretary:	Anne Maglia
Treasurer:	Kevin Hayes
At Large:	Alison Snyder, Chris Nichols, Diana Daugherty, and MB DeKara

The Tech Team
Kevin Hayes, Win Craft, Barry Hall, and David Van Zandt

Audio Visual Assistance: *Large print orders of service and personal hearing assistance devices are available from the greeters in the vestibule of the Meeting House.*

Do you receive our digital newsletter? We send a weekly and monthly newsletter out with news, events, and pictures! Sign up by emailing admin@uusgu.org.

Chancel Decorations and Flowers: Interested in donating chancel decorations and/or flowers? Please contact the church office at admin@uusgu.org

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.

Your Name Tag: If you think you need a new or a replacement name tag, please request one by emailing Alison Snyder at alisonsnyder@gmail.com with your name spelled exactly how you would like it to appear on your name tag.

Be a Greeter! If you'd like to serve as a greeter during our services at UUSGU, please reach out to admin@uusgu.org or sign up here>>.