

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY
OF GRAFTON AND UPTON
May 15th, 2022

Impassioned Clay
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.

Unitarian Universalist Society of Grafton and Upton
Sunday, May 15th, 2022

Community Music

Lauren Scott

"Come to My Window" by Melissa Etheridge
"Sound of Silence" by Simon & Garfunkel

Call to Worship

Rev. Daniel Gregoire

Prelude

UUSGU Choir and children

"There's Honey in the Rock" an African-American spiritual, arr. Nick Page

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

Caroline Scott

"A Sea of Pink" a true story, adapted and told by Caroline Scott

Sharing of Joys and Sorrows

Christine Johnson

Prayer

Rev. Daniel Gregoire

***Hymn in Motion**

"Gathered Here"

performed by Checker Ives, Rob Kittredge, Steve Lotterman, Caroline Scott, and
Beth & Barry Hall

Reading

Rev. Daniel Gregoire

"Footnote to Howl" by Allen Ginsberg (adapted)

Sermon

Rev. Daniel Gregoire

"Impassioned Clay"

Our Share the Plate:

Abby's House

Abby's House provides shelter and affordable housing, as well as advocacy and support services to homeless, battered, and low income women, with or without children. Over the years, they have helped over 15,000 women and children reclaim and rebuild their lives, empowering them to lead self-directed lives filled with dignity and hope.



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

Lauren and Caroline Scott

“Without You” by Jonathan Larson from the musical *Rent*

*** Invitation**

Rev. Daniel Gregoire

*** Extinguishing the Chalice**

*** Benediction**

Postlude

Lauren Scott

“Come to My Window” (reprise) by Melissa Etheridge

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*

Events Calendar

Today, Sunday, May 15th

10:00am Worship Service

Coming this Week:

Sunday, May 15th

- 11:30am -12:30pm Finance Cottage Meeting
 - Contact Joann at admin@uusgu.org
- 2:00pm Senior Youth Group
 - Contact Danae Allison at danaemallison@gmail.com
- 3:30pm Brownie Troop 65229

Monday, May 16th

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

Tuesday, May 17th

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

Wednesday, May 18th

- 11:00am UUMA Monthly Action Hour
 - Contact Joann at admin@uusgu.org
- 7:00pm DRE Office Hour
 - Contact Cherilyn at dre@uusgu.org

Thursday, May 19th

- 3:00pm Circle of Sisters
 - Contact Bernadette Warwick at bj.warwick@verizon.net
- 7:30pm Men's Group
 - Contact Dave Nichols at Dave@odic.com

For information on future events please see the Church calendar at UUSGU.org.

Music Notes

“Come to My Window”, released in 1993 by Melissa Etheridge, became an anthem to the LGBT+ community. The song’s release coincided with her coming out as lesbian. The song was actually written about a complicated relationship she was in, but it remains an important PRIDE anthem 30 years later.

“The Sound of Silence”, written by Simon and Garfunkel in 1964, characterizes “silence” not as something peaceful but rather as a detrimental force to which we must stand up. We must dare to disturb the silence by raising our voices against oppression, inequity, and violence.

“Without You”, by Jonathan Larson, is a passionate song of love, hope and loss as partners living with AIDS watch their friend Angel die of AIDS. The musical *Rent*, shocking and bold in its time, premiered in 1996. And for the first time, there was a cast of “us” instead of “them”. The LGBT+ community and the shadowed community of people living with HIV/AIDS become a beloved chosen community. *Rent* has moved culture forward, hopefully so far that we forget the recent era in which it was something so shocking.

A Place to Create:

Use this space to brainstorm with words or images how transgender people challenge and change your understanding of what it means to live with authenticity and what it means to live well.

UUSGU celebrates and supports all people regardless of age, race, marital status, gender identity, sexual orientation, class, ability, language, nationality, or cultural background.

UUSGU Staff:

Rev. Daniel Gregoire

Director of Religious Exploration - Cherilyn Reno

Music Director - Barry Hall

Thank you to today's volunteers:

Greeters: Mehdi Pourali

Worship Associate: Christine Johnson

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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.*

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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.

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