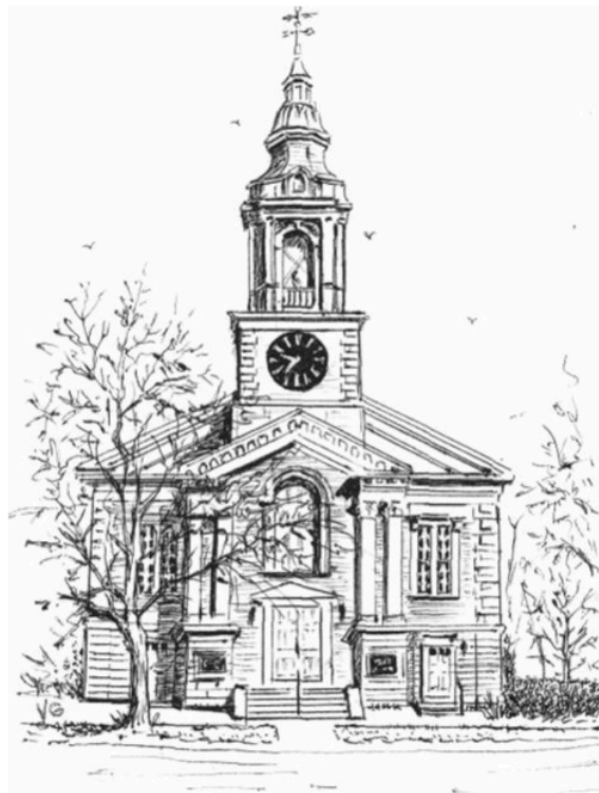


UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY
OF GRAFTON AND UPTON
March 23, 2025

Marking the Spring Equinox
- A Spirited Sunday with Rev. Daniel Gregoire
and Cherilyn Reno, DRE



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 23, 2025

Community Music		Tyler Turner
Call to Worship		Rev. Daniel Gregoire
Prelude	"I Know This Rose Will Open" by Mary Grigolia	UUSGU Choir
Welcome		Christine Johnson
Chalice Lighting	(see blue music card in pew pocket)	
*Hymn	#1000 Morning Has Come	Tyler Turner
Ritual	Honoring the 12 Hours of Daylight	Cherilyn Reno, DRE & UUSGU Children
*Hymn	#347 Gather the Spirit Verses 1 and 3	Tyler Turner
Stewardship Testimonial		Carson Whittall
Prayer		Rev. Daniel Gregoire
*Hymn	#73 Chant for the Seasons Verse 3 (Spring)	Tyler Turner
Story	The Story of Demeter and Persephone	Cherilyn Reno, DRE
Reading	"Daffodils" by William Wordsworth	Rev. Daniel Gregoire
Homily		Rev. Daniel Gregoire
Invitation to Generosity		Christine Johnson

Our Share the Plate: The Blackstone River Watershed Association

The Blackstone River Watershed Association (BRWA) was established in 1969 and has since played an instrumental role in cleaning up what was described as an “industrial river” in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Although still threatened by industrial and increasingly residential pollution sources, the health of the Blackstone's river system continues to improve. The BRWA's mission is to engage, educate, and advocate for improved water quality in the Blackstone River watershed.



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Offertory Music	“Morning Has Broken” arr. Jim Scott	UUSGU Choir
Offertory Response	#402 From You I Receive From you I receive, to you I give, Together we share, and from this we live.	
Announcements		Christine Johnson
*Hymn	#121 "We'll Build a Land" Verses 3 and 4	Tyler Turner
Ritual	Blessing and Planting the Seeds of Community	Cherilyn Reno, DRE and UUSGU Mothers & Children
Community Response	Grow now in sun. Grow now in rain. May the loving earth surround you every night and every day you may live.	Congregation
*Invitation		Rev. Daniel Gregoire
*Extinguishing the Chalice	(see blue music card in pew pocket)	
*Benediction		Rev. Daniel Gregoire
Postlude		Tyler Turner

**Please rise in body or spirit*

Events Calendar

Today, Sunday, March 23

- 10 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary and online)
- 11:30 AM - 1 PM AIM Committee Meeting (Parlor)
- 11:30 AM RE Committee Meeting (RE space)
- 6 PM Community Baking (Kitchen)

Monday, March 24

- 10 AM Women's Wisdom Circle (online)

Tuesday, March 25

- 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Board President Donna Maria Cameron's Office Hours
- 12:30 PM Staff Meeting (Parlor)
- 6:30 PM Easy Does It (AA) Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, March 26

- 7 PM Choir Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, March 27

- 7:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting (online)

Friday, March 28

- 12 PM Community Baking (Kitchen)

Saturday, March 29

- 1:30 - 5:30 PM Community Baking (Kitchen)

Sunday, March 30

- 10 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary and online)
- 11:30 AM AIM Event: Ableism & Disability Justice with Jim and Pat Piet (Fellowship Hall and online)

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

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