

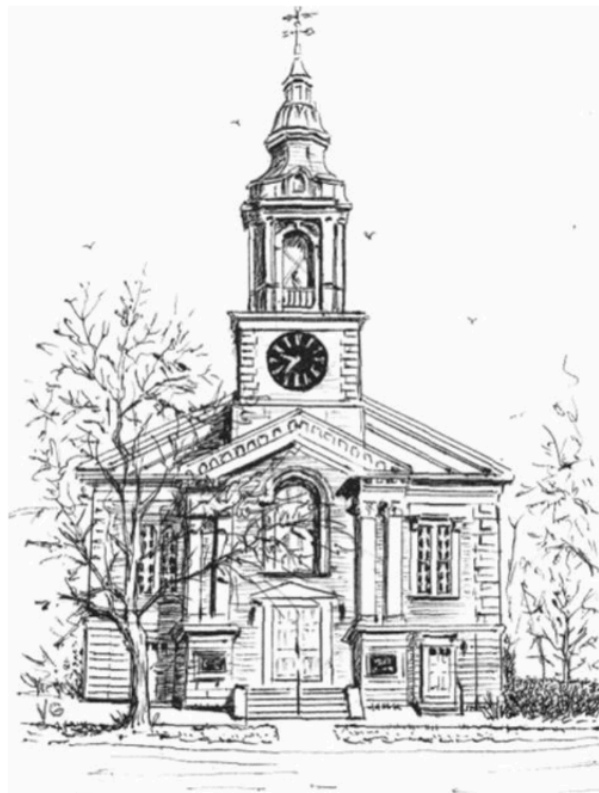
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY
OF GRAFTON AND UPTON
March 2, 2025

"Everyone is Beautiful, Everyone Belongs"

- A Mardi Gras Inspired Service

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 2, 2025

Community Music		Mardi Gras Band
Call to Spirited Worship		Rev. Daniel Gregoire
New Member Ceremony		Rev. Daniel Gregoire and Alison Snyder
Prelude	“Just a Closer Walk With Thee” Traditional	Mardi Gras Band
Welcome		MB DeKara
Chalice Lighting	(see blue music card in pew pocket)	
*Hymn	#118 This Little Light of Mine	Mardi Gras Band
Reading	“The Woodland Sermon” from Toni Morrison’s <i>Beloved</i>	Rev. Daniel Gregoire
Story	“What is Mardi Gras?” by Cherilyn Reno	Cherilyn Reno, DRE
Stewardship Testimonial		David Van Zandt
Choral Anthem	“Down By the Riverside” Spiritual	UUSGU Choir and Mardi Gras Band
Prayer		Rev. Daniel Gregoire
*Hymn	#116 I’m On My Way Verses 1, 4, and 5	Mardi Gras Band
Activity: Love Yourself!	Everyone is Beautiful, Everyone Belongs	Rev. Daniel Gregoire
Homily		Rev. Daniel Gregoire

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

“When the Saints Go Marchin’ In”
Traditional

UUSGU Choir and
Mardi Gras Band

Offertory Response

#402 From You I Receive
**From you I receive, to you I give,
Together we share,
and from this we live.**

Announcements

MB DeKara

***Hymn of the Month**

#121 We’ll Build A Land

Mardi Gras Band

Activity

Mardi Gras Parade!

Congregation

***Invitation**

MB DeKara

***Extinguishing the Chalice**

(see blue music card in pew pocket)

***Benediction**

Rev. Daniel Gregoire

Postlude

“I’ll Fly Away”
Albert Brumley

Mardi Gras Band

**Please rise in body or spirit*

Events Calendar

Today, Sunday, March 2

- 10 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary and online)
- 11:30 AM -2 PM Potluck Fellowship Hour and Mardi Gras Celebration (Fellowship Hall)
- 6 PM Grafton Pride Planning Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, March 4

- 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Board President Donna Maria Cameron's Office Hours
- 12:30 PM Quarterly Board/Staff Meeting (Parlor)
- 3 PM B&G Pre-Construction Meeting with General Contractor (Parlor)
- 6:30 PM Easy Does It (AA) Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, March 5

- 7 PM Choir Practice (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, March 6

- 1 PM Circle of Sisters (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, March 8

- 10 AM Artist's Way (Parlor)

Sunday, March 9

- 10 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary and online)
- 11:30 AM AIM Meeting (Parlor)
- 12 -3 PM Youth Group (Youth Room)
- 4 PM Girl Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

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

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