

*Tell me, o Octopus, I begs,  
Is those things arms, or is they legs?  
I marvel at thee, Octopus;  
If I were thou, I'd call me Us.*  
**Ogden Nash**

**Welcome to the Historic  
Unitarian Universalist Meeting House  
Nantucket Island**  
*Open Doors  
Open Minds  
Open Hearts*

**Sunday, March 12, 2023**

**The Soul of an Octopus**

**Order of Service**



**Founded in 1809  
Second Congregational Meeting House Society  
Unitarian Universalist**

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### **The Seven Principles**

1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
2. Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;
3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

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### **Our Mission**

Working toward a more just and inclusive society, our congregation supports spiritual growth and service with open doors, minds, and hearts:

*Open doors* for welcoming our diverse island communities and visitors;

*Open minds* for exploring differing ideas and beliefs;

*Open hearts* for deepening our connection with others and ourselves.

Order of Service

<b>Prelude</b>	<b><i>Improvisation on “Complainer”</i></b>	Nigel Goss	<b>Meditation #434</b> Anonymous	Val Hall
<b>Welcome &amp; Announcements</b>		Val Hall	<b>Joys and Concerns</b>	
<b>Chalice Lighting</b> <i>With this flame we renew our commitment to justice, peace and compassion</i>			<b>Hymn #298</b> <b><i>Wake Now My Senses</i></b>	All
<b>Affirmation</b> From all that dwell below the skies, Let faith and hope with love arise. Let beauty, truth, and good be sung Through every land, by every tongue. Amen		All	<b>Reflection</b> <b><i>The Soul of an Octopus</i></b>	Val Hall
<b>Greeting One Another</b>			<b>Our Gifts We Bring</b>	
<b>Song</b> <b><i>Octopus’s Garden</i></b> Ringo Starr		Paul Connors	<b>Offertory</b> <b><i>Across the Universe</i></b> John Lennon/Paul McCartney	UU Meetinghouse Choir
<b>Hymn #44</b> <b><i>We Sing of Golden Mornings</i></b>		All	<b>Hymn #331</b> <b><i>Life is the Greatest Gift of All</i></b>	All
<b>Story for All</b>		Leyah Jensen	<b>Blessing #510</b> Jane Rzepka	Val Hall
<b>Children’s Blessing</b> Go now in peace, go now in peace. May the light of love surround you, Everywhere, everywhere, you may go. <b>Children depart for World Explorers (WE)</b>		All	<b>Extinguishing the Chalice</b> <i>Carry the flame of peace and love until we meet again</i>	
			<b>Postlude</b> <b><i>Halley’s Comet</i></b> Nancy Telfer	Nigel Goss
			<b>Sunday Morning Participants</b> <b>Sunday Service Leader</b> – Susan J Berman <b>Music Director</b> – Nigel Goss <b>Guest Musician</b> – Paul Connors <b>Tech Assistant</b> – Deirdre Duffy <b>UU Meeting House Choir</b>	

## Announcements March 12, 2023

**Spring Coffee Hour Participants:** We need folks to bring snacks for coffee hour each week. As long as the weather holds, we'll be in the Remembrance Garden when we are in GREEN OR YELLOW (per the CDC maps for Nantucket) and we can meet in our beloved AR if the weather doesn't hold. Contact Kendall [office@unitarianchurchnantucket.org](mailto:office@unitarianchurchnantucket.org) to sign up. Time to get back in the swing, friends!

**Saturday Socials** –On Zoom/In-Person on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays at 6:00pm. Contact [Susanoncobble@gmail.com](mailto:Susanoncobble@gmail.com) or [Lora@plpdd.com](mailto:Lora@plpdd.com)

**Monday Afternoon Tea:** Mondays at 4pm, join UU friends for a “Tea Party” on Zoom. Use the link on our website or contact [Susanoncobble@gmail.com](mailto:Susanoncobble@gmail.com) to attend.

**World Explorers:** Join us on Sundays and help decide the cause for a brand-new UU service project. It's the perfect time to reconnect, so come for an hour of cozy creativity!

Please email or call the office if you have an announcement for next week, [office@unitarianchurchnantucket.org](mailto:office@unitarianchurchnantucket.org) or (508) 228-5466

The Sanctuary and Hendrix Hall are equipped with an audio induction loop assistive listening system. Switch your hearing aid to “T” or pick up a headset at the rear of the Sanctuary or Hendrix Hall.

*Welcome visitors and guests!* If you're visiting for the first time or returning after an absence, welcome to Nantucket's Unitarian Universalist congregation gathering at the historic 1809 Meeting House.

Information about the Unitarian Universalist faith and the Second Congregational Meeting House Society are on the literature table or on our website at [www.unitarianchurchnantucket.org](http://www.unitarianchurchnantucket.org). To receive regular email updates and other news, please email the office at [office@unitarianchurchnantucket.org](mailto:office@unitarianchurchnantucket.org). Please join us for coffee and conversation following the service.

### Board of Trustees

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*A Welcoming Congregation*

# We Sing of Golden Mornings 44

$\text{♩} = 126$



1. We sing of gold-en morn-ings, we sing of spar-king seas, of  
2. We sing the heart cou-ra-geous, the youth-ful, ea-ger mind; we



prai-ries, val-leys, moun-tains, and state-ly for-est trees. We  
sing of hopes un-daunt-ed, of friend-ly ways and kind. We



sing of flash-ing sun-shine and life-be-stow-ing rain, of  
sing the ros-es wait-ing be-neath the deep-piled snows; we



birds a-mong the branch-es, and spring-time come a-gain.  
sing the earth's great splen-dor, whose beau-ty 'round us glows.



⊕ Words: Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1803–1882, recast 1925, 1950, 1990,  
© American Ethical Union  
Music: William Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835

COMPLAINER  
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M O R N I N G

## Wake, Now, My Senses

*♩=108 Unison*

1. Wake, now, my sens - es, and hear the earth call;  
 2. Wake, now, my rea - son, reach out to the new;  
 3. Wake, now, com - pas - sion, give heed to the cry;

feel the deep pow - er of be - ing in all;  
 join with each pil - grim who quests for the true;  
 voic - es of suf - fer - ing fill the wide sky;

keep, with the web of cre - a - tion your vow,  
 hon - or the beau - ty and wis - dom of time;  
 take as your neigh - bor both strang - er and friend,

giv - ing, re - ceiv - ing as love shows us how.  
 suf - fer thy lim - it, and praise the sub - lime.  
 pray - ing and striv - ing their hard - ship to end.

⊕ Words: Thomas J. S. Mikelson, 1936-  
 Music: Traditional Irish melody, harmony by Carlton R. Young, 1926- ,  
 renewal © 1992 Abingdon Press

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# Life Is the Greatest Gift of All 331

*♩ = 96 Unison*

1. Life is the great - est gift of all the rich - es on this  
 2. Mind is the bright - est gift of all, its thought no bar - rier  
 3. We are of life, its shin - ing gift, the meas - ure of all

earth; life and its crea - tures, great and small, of  
 mars; it seeks cre - a - tion's hid - den plan, its  
 things; up from the dust our tem - ples lift, our

high and low - ly birth: so trea - sure it and  
 quest sur - mounts all bars; it reins the wind, it  
 vi - sion soars on wings; for seed and root, for

mea - sure it with deeds of shin - ing worth.  
 chains the storm, it weighs the out - most stars.  
 flower and fruit, our grate - ful spir - it sings.

Words: From William E. Oliver,  
 ⊕ adapt. by Waldemar Hille, 1908-1996, used by perm. of Hodgkin Press  
 Music: James Leith McBeth Bain, c. 1840-1925,  
 ⊕ arr. by David Dawson, 1939-

BROTHER JAMES' AIR  
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