

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY
OF GRAFTON AND UPTON
April 19, 2026

“Buddy, Can You Spare Some Change?”

A Social Justice Sunday

with Guest in the Pulpit Rev. Tom Nalesnik



UUSGU Mission Statement
Spark the spirit and the mind.
Kindle loving community.
Ignite social justice in the world.

We acknowledge the traditional, ancestral, unceded territory of the Nipmuc Nation on which we gather to worship in Grafton, MA. We recognize and respect Indigenous Peoples as traditional stewards of this land and the enduring relationship that exists between Indigenous Peoples and their traditional territories.

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Community Music		Tyler Turner
Call to Worship		Rev. Tom Nalesnik
Prelude	“Finlandia,” Sibelius, arr. Melissa Blanton	Tyler Turner
Welcome		Brian Halbert
Chalice Lighting	(see music card in pew pocket)	
*Hymn	#347 Gather the Spirit	Congregation
A Time for All Ages	<i>The Very Hungry Caterpillar</i> by Eric Carle	Alison Snyder
Music	“On Your Way”	Congregation
Sharing of Joys & Sorrows		Brian Halbert
Prayer		Rev. Tom Nalesnik
*Hymn of the Month	#38 Morning Has Broken	Congregation
Reading	“A Necessary Struggle,” by Frederick Douglass	Rev. Tom Nalesnik
Sermon		Rev. Tom Nalesnik
Invitation to Generosity		Brian Halbert

Share the Plate for April: Safe Homes Worcester

Safe Homes is a welcoming, supportive environment that embraces LGBTQIA+ young people and gives them space to explore their identities, heal from past trauma, and embrace their true selves.



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Offertory Music

"Solace," Scott Joplin

Tyler Turner

Offertory Response

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

Announcements

Brian Halbert

Social Justice Update

Donna Trainor

*Hymn

#1020 Woyaya

Congregation

*Invitation

Rev. Tom Nalesnik

*Extinguishing the Chalice (see music card in pew pocket)

*Benediction

Rev. Tom Nalesnik

Postlude

Tyler Turner

**Please rise in body or spirit*

Events Calendar

Sunday, April 19

- 10 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary and online)
- 3 PM Community Supper (Milford UU)
- 4 PM Girl Scout Troop 65524 (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, April 21

- 12 PM Staff Meeting (online)
- 6:30 PM Easy Does It (AA) Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, April 22

- 10 AM Yoga with Sharon Mathews (Fellowship Hall)
- 7 PM Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, April 23

- 2 PM Circle of Sisters (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:30 PM Men's Group (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, April 25

- 10 AM Artist's Way (Parlor)
- 2 PM UU Book Club (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, April 26

- 10 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary and online)
- 11:30 AM RE Committee Meeting (Parlor)
- 4 PM Girl Scout Troop 64695 (Fellowship Hall)

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