



Unitarian Society of Germantown
Order of Service
Festival of Lights
October 19, 2025



Gathering Music

Thomas Flanagan, sitar

Welcome & Announcements

Shobhi Kanal, Worship Associate

Call to Worship

Stearns Matthews, Director of Music Ministries

Chalice Lighting

Love is the spirit of this church, and service is its prayer.
This is our great covenant: to dwell together in peace,
to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.

Time for All Ages

Andrea Durham

Children's Recessional

#413, *Go Now in Peace*

Go now in peace. Go now in peace.
May the spirit of love surround you everywhere,
Everywhere you may go.

Testimony

Shobhi Kanal

Share the Plate

Our Share the Plate recipient this week is Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry. For directions to donate, refer to the back of the Order of Service cover.

Offertory

Thomas Flanagan, sitar

Prayer

Pavamana Mantra from the Upanishads
Andrea Durham

Lighting the Diyas

Hymn

#123, *Spirit of Life*

Moment of Silence

Anthem

Thomas Flanagan, sitar

Homily

Cathryn Miller-Wilson, Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society

Hymn

#23, *Bring Many Names*

Chalice Extinguishing

We extinguish our chalice but the flame remains in us,
As we live into the mission of this congregation:
Building Beloved Community with
Compassion, Service and Empowerment

Benediction

Stearns Matthews

Visitor Form: <https://usg.breezechms.com/form/foac5e>

Support USG - Multiple Ways to Give

Text 215-608-2660 with your donation amount and fund designation.
Simply enter: [Amount] [space] [fund name]

Make checks payable to USG and include intended fund in the memo line.

Online, go to bit.ly/USGgiving and follow prompts.

UPCOMING EVENTS

GenXYZ Game Night- Spooky Edition!

October 24 at 7pm in the Edna Jones Assembly Room

Feel free to bring spooky themed games and snacks to share. Email genxyz@usguu.org for more information.

USG All Hallows Weekend

October 25 and 26

Join us for a weekend of Halloween fun, community, and connection! Get tickets to The Rocky Horror Picture Show [here](#). Sign up to make a pie or chili [here](#)!

New Member Sunday

October 26

Feeling ready to join USG as a member? Fill out [this form](#)! Fill it out by 10/22 to have your photo included in the Order of Service.

Feminist Thealogy: Wiccan Practices Through the Year

October 26 at 12:15pm in Sullivan 1 and 2

We'll review Wiccan practices through the Wheel of the Year and the Cycles of the Moon with Maggie Beaumont.

Author Event with Diane McKinney Whetstone

November 1 at 3:30pm in Edna Jones Assembly Room

Enjoy an insightful afternoon with award-winning, local author Diane McKinney-Whetstone as we discuss her latest novel, Family Spirit. Family Spirit explores family, heritage, and self-discovery, with a touch of magic. This engaging conversation will provide a chance to connect with the author and her powerful work. RSVP [here](#).

Annual Men's Retreat

November 7-9

Men are invited to attend the annual retreat at the beautiful Temenos Retreat Center. Activities will include a mindfulness session, Tai Chi, hiking, an evening bonfire and drum circle, delicious meals, poker, and a Sunday morning worship service. Registration and more information [here](#).

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

CSD 2025-2026 Registration is always open!

Register your family [here](#).

Sanctuary Camera Volunteers Needed

We need more volunteers to run cameras during worship service! It's easy to learn, and we're looking for volunteers to give about one Sunday a month.

Email usgadmin@usguu.org

New Small Group Ministry Forming

We hope to begin this new group in November. We'll meet on the first Sundays of the month at 12:15pm. Email sgm@usguu.org!