

Upcoming Events

Learn more at usguu.org

USG Arts Club

October 8 at 7pm in the Edna Jones Assembly Room

The USG Arts Club provides a space to engage in community creativity through arts related gatherings and programming. No experience is required, and all ages and generations are encouraged to attend. Bring a notebook or sketchbook!

POWER Interfaith NW Philly Cluster Meeting

October 13 from 6-8pm at Germantown Friends Meeting and Zoom | Register here: bit.ly/4hCFbr4

Join POWER Interfaith to connect with folks who live and worship in NW Philly as we fight for housing justice in Philadelphia. Get updates and next steps in our city-wide campaign, We Make Philly. We will also prepare and strategize for our upcoming public action at City Council.

LGBTQ+ Affinity Meeting

October 11 at 12:15pm in Sullivan 1

Do you identify as LGBTQ+? Do you think it would be valuable to spend some time with others with queer, trans, or other gender non-conforming identities at USG? If so, please join us for the first meeting of USG's new LGBTQ+ affinity group! We'll get to know each other and plan the scope and purpose of our new affinity group. If you have questions, please contact Amy Birge-Caracappa at amy.birge@verizon.net. We hope to see you there!

Annual USG Men's Retreat: Register Today

November 6-8 at Temenos Retreat Center

Get more information and register here: bit.ly/mensretreatUSG

Order of Service

Despair Grows In Me

Rev. Hannah Gallo

Margaret Thompson, Worship Associate

Sunday, October 4, 2026



Gathering Hymn

I Know This Rose Will Open

Welcome & Announcements

Margaret Thompson, Worship Associate

Call to Worship

Rev. Hannah Gallo, Minister

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

with Joys and Sorrows

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

Margaret Thompson

Share the Plate

Our Share the Plate recipient this week is POWER Interfaith in honor of their Fall campaign, WE MAKE PHILLY. For directions to donate, refer to the back of the Order of Service cover.

Offertory

Prelude in E minor, Op. 28, No. 4
Frédéric Chopin

Prayer

Rev. Hannah Gallo

Meditative Hymn

Abide With Me

Reading

Margaret Thompson

Sermon

Rev. Hannah Gallo

Closing Hymn

Loosen

Words & music by Aly Halpert

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

Rev. Hannah Gallo

Following the Service Today

Fellowship Hour

Join us in the Edna Jones Assembly Room for fellowship and lunch. All are welcome!

Community Day

Festivities begin in the Edna Jones Assembly Room with lunch. Then wander out to the Grove to visit all the tables where you can find what's happening during the year in our many committees and groups. This year there will also be representatives from the USG Board of Directors, the Ministry Executive Team, and the Finance Committee so you can meet those leaders and learn about what they're doing behind the proverbial scenes. Sweet treats to be found at every table!

In case of rain, we'll move down to the Dining Room and Sullivan Chapel.

Changemakers Reading Group

12:15 in Sullivan 3

We Strive for Accessibility and Inclusivity

Please ask an Usher for assistance with listening devices, large print materials, and finding the elevator.

Others Who Minister Today

Sound: Miles Toppen

Camera: Eric Foster

Ushers: Steve Conrad, Jerry Caruso, Sandy Capps, Jillian Brown

Welcome Table: Anne Bower

**Newcomers are invited to fill in a
Visitor Form via this QR code.**

