

## Welcome to the First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco

### Families and Children

Interested in learning about our Family Ministry and Sunday School programs?

Visit our website ([www.uusf.org/family-ministry-classes-and-programs](http://www.uusf.org/family-ministry-classes-and-programs))

Questions? Rev. Alyson Jacks, [ajacks@uusf.org](mailto:ajacks@uusf.org) or 415-776-4580.

### Take a Seat

For people with chemical sensitivities, there is a scent-free zone, at the front of the right aisle. For people with service animals, please find marked area on left aisle.

Hearing impaired? Just ask an usher for an assistance device.

### Candles

At the front of the sanctuary may be lit at any time as a silent sign of gratitude or concern.

### Fill Out A Yellow Visitor Card

Let us know who you are by filling out a yellow visitor card. We'll send you our weekly e-mail, The Flame, and our monthly newsletter, FirstNews.

### Tour of the Church (Sundays)

Meet your guide at the foot of the Chancel at 12:15 PM.

### Stay For Coffee Hour and Conversation

Coffee hour will follow the service in the TSK Room or Courtyard.

### Bookcorner

Open on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month following the service.

### People Ages 18 to 39

Stop by the 20s & 30s table in the Gallery after Worship to meet the young adult community and learn about upcoming events. Questions? Email [youngadults@uusf.org](mailto:youngadults@uusf.org) or call 415-590-7836.

### Humanists And Non-Theists Discussions

12:30 PM most Sundays in the Fireside Room.

### Newcomer Orientation

First Sunday of each month at 12:30 PM.

### Invitation To Membership - April 5 (email [ajacks@uusf.org](mailto:ajacks@uusf.org))

1st Sunday of alternate months. Info: [www.uusf.org/membership](http://www.uusf.org/membership)

Please go to [www.uusf.org/newsletters](http://www.uusf.org/newsletters) current church activities.

### Membership Matters!

Membership matters. To keep our community going and growing, we encourage you to join and be part of this vibrant community. Our next **Invitation to Membership will be Sunday, April 5**. To learn more about UUSF, please attend a **Newcomer Orientation, held the 1st Sunday of the month, 12:30-1:30 PM**. Prospective members are asked to schedule a meeting with one of our ministers, prior to joining.

You can schedule a meeting with Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern at [vsouthern@uusf.org](mailto:vsouthern@uusf.org). To schedule a meeting with Rev. Jacks, email her at [ajacks@uusf.org](mailto:ajacks@uusf.org).

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Since its founding in 1850 this congregation has been a beacon of religious liberalism in this city. During the Civil War, the Rev. Thomas Starr King was credited with keeping California in the Union. He also challenged racism, raised millions for humanitarian relief and inspired new efforts in education.

Unitarianism and Universalism in America both arose in New England during the American Revolution. Because the roots of both traditions are in the Judeo-Christian tradition, you will see on the walls of our sanctuary two inscriptions:

"What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?" (from the Hebrew prophet Micah) and "The Kingdom of God is within you." (from the Gospels)

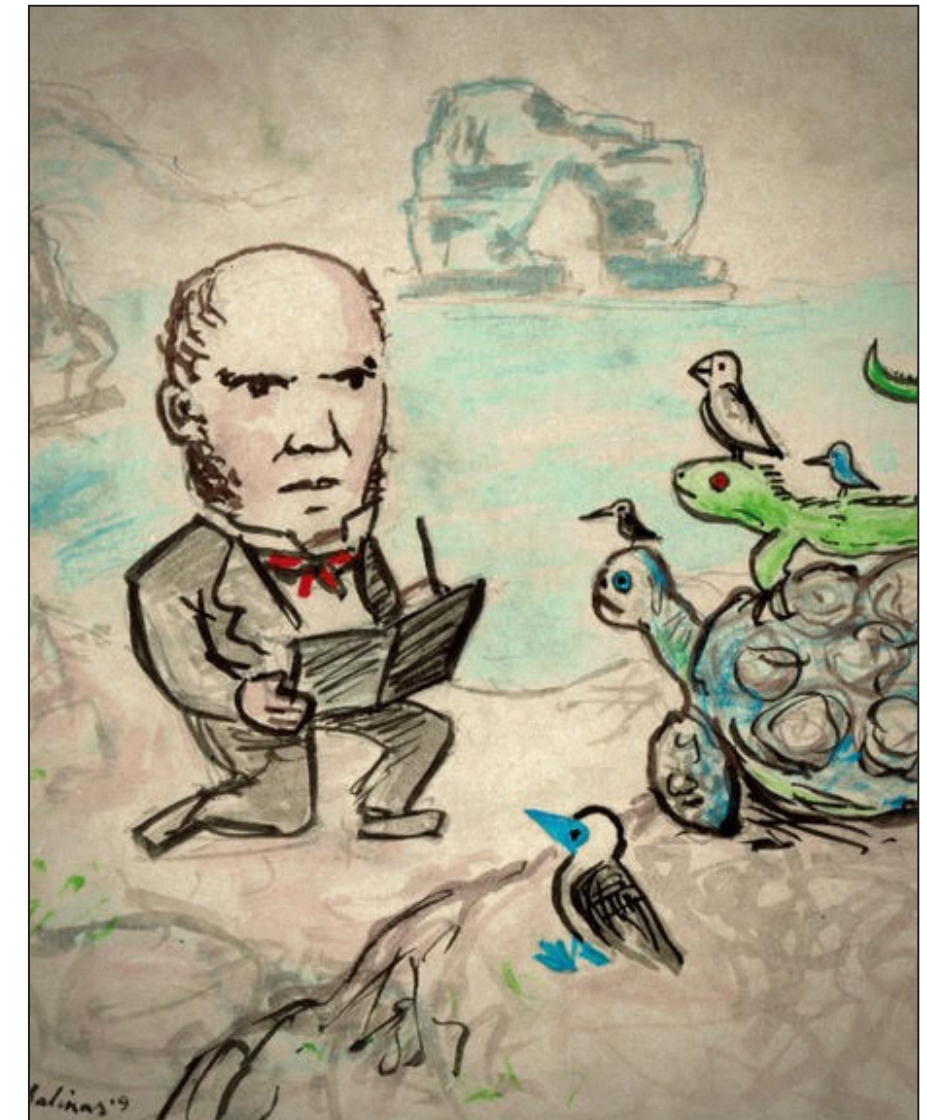
Our religious forebears were far more interested in the teaching examples of Jesus than in beliefs about Jesus. Today we agree more about how we strive to treat others than we do about beliefs. Our backgrounds and spiritual orientations are diverse. Among us are people who consider themselves atheists, agnostics, humanists, Christians, Jews, Buddhists, Muslims, Pagans and people guided by other forms of spirituality and belief.

Belief is many things, and so is disbelief. But we are interested in what happens to us when we open our minds to wider truth, our hearts to compassion, and our souls to the call to work for justice and peace.

If you are interested in learning more, we invite you to a Newcomers Orientation usually held on the first Sunday of each month following the service. At the Welcome Table you will find pamphlets and other information. For more about our congregation, please visit our website at [www.uusf.org](http://www.uusf.org).

**Spirit Saturday**  
Saturday, March 7, 2020  
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at UUSF  
**LEARN MORE AND TO REGISTER:**  
[www.bit.ly/marchspiritsaturday](http://www.bit.ly/marchspiritsaturday)

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## From Darwin to Unitarian Universalism





**Order of Service**  
**Sunday, February 16, 2020**  
**11:00 AM to 12:15 PM**

**Prelude** *Now That the Daylight Fills the Sky* Alice Jordan  
*Morning So Fair to See*  
 Reiko Oda Lane, organ

**Opening and Welcome** Jim Barnett

**\*Hymn 287** *Faith of the Larger Liberty* MIT FREUDEN ZART

**Unison Chalice Lighting** Carmen Barsody, Worship Associate  
 We light this chalice for the light of truth,  
 the warmth of love,  
 and the fire of commitment.  
 We light this symbol of our faith  
 as we gather together.

**Brief Invitations** Eric Shackelford, Trustee

**Greeting One Another**

**Bell Anthem** *Simple Gifts* A Shaker Hymn arr. Kevin McChesney  
 Reiko Oda Lane, Bell Choir Director

**\*Covenant** Dolores Perez Heilbron, Worship Associate  
 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  
 freedom, and to help one another.

**\*Doxology** TALLIS' CANON

From all that dwell be - low the skies; let songs of hope and  
 De to - dos ba - jo el gran sol; sur - ja, es - pe - ran - za

5  
 faith a - rise; Let peace, good - will on earth be sung through  
 fé, a - mor; ver - dad, y be - lle - za can - tan - do, de

8  
 ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue.  
 ca - da tie - rra, ca - da voz. A - men.

The children and teachers depart for classes on the second stanza. If you want  
 your child to attend Sunday School, meet in the gallery following the children's  
 recessional, or ask for assistance in the church office. **Rev. Jacks (ajacks@uusf.org)**  
 can answer questions or address special needs.

**Ritual of Remembrance and Commitment** Jim Barnett

**Times of Spoken and Silent Meditation**

**Anthem** *Earth Song* Frank Ticheli  
**Reflection** Dolores Perez Heilbron  
**Offertory Music** *For the Beauty of the Earth* Conrad Kocher  
**Reading** From Ralph Waldo Emerson's essay, "Nature"  
**Anthem** *The Stars are with the Voyager* Victor Johnson  
**Sermon** *From Darwin to Unitarian Universalism* Jim Barnett  
**\*Hymn 318** *We Would Be One* FINLANDIA  
**\*Benediction** Carmen Barsody  
 (Please be seated until after the Postlude)  
**Postlude** *Onward, Ye Peoples!* Jean Sibelius

\* Please rise as you are able.

**After the Service Today**

**Humanists & Non-Theists Darwin Day Event - 12:30 PM, TSK Room**

**"What Were the Atoms in Your Body Doing 8 Billion Years Ago:  
 The Story of Cosmic Evolution"**

Thanks to modern astronomy, we now know the history of these  
 atoms even before they were part of the Earth. In this talk,  
**Dr. Andrew Fraknoi** examines the history of the cosmos, and how  
 it evolved from the heat of the Big Bang to conditions that make  
 astronomy fans possible. We focus on the role of exploding stars,  
 which create new elements and recycle them so that to be  
 available to future generations of stars, planets, and life-forms.

Please join us for a lunch followed by Dr. Andrew Fraknoi's  
 presentation. We will have vegan and vegetarian options. The  
 suggested donation for the luncheon is \$15 for each adult and \$5  
 for each child under 18. No one will be turned away for lack of  
 funds. The lecture is free and will start at 1PM.

*UUSF Members Don Williams and David Jones are celebrating 40  
 years together today. They will be serving cake at today's Darwin  
 Day lunch.*

**Volunteer Opportunities**

**Winter Shelter Volunteer Sign-Ups! - 12:15 PM, Gallery (TODAY)**

Now thru February 29 UUSF will be the host community for the meal  
 and housing program for men. Each morning during the program, from  
 5AM to 7:30 AM, we need a 6-person team to prepare and serve the  
 breakfast and then to clean up after the meal. A sign-up table will be  
 located in the Gallery after the Service. Questions? [wintershelter@uusf.org](mailto:wintershelter@uusf.org)

**Sign up online.** For breakfast shifts go to ([www.signup.com/go/hpDrZKv](http://www.signup.com/go/hpDrZKv))  
 For dinner shifts go to ([www.signup.com/go/SHsPXOR](http://www.signup.com/go/SHsPXOR))

**Volunteers are needed to help with monitoring the church's main front doors, Monday thru Friday  
 from 6PM to 8:30 PM during the Winter Shelter month, which ends on Saturday, February 29.**

**Please email [reservations@uusf.org](mailto:reservations@uusf.org) or call us at 415-776-4580 if you are interested in volunteering  
 your time for this very important cause.**

**Upcoming**

**Social Justice Action: Wednesday Morning Rush Hour!**

Wednesday, January 22, 7:30 AM to 9AM

Please join our witness with signs and leaflets to those in rush hour  
 traffic in front of our sanctuary every Wednesday morning from  
 7:30-9AM. Questions? Email [neveragain@uusf.org](mailto:neveragain@uusf.org)

**Sensible Cinema - Friday, February 21, 6:30 PM**

**"The Black Press: Soldiers Without Swords"** Sensible Cinema's Tribute To  
 Black History Month. Tells of the struggle against censorship, discrimination  
 and freedom of press black newspaper faced.

**Forum - Sunday, February 23, 9:30 AM, MLK Room**

**"Tribute to Paul Robeson, Voice of the people"** Harriet and Alex Bagwell  
 will sing songs of Robeson's repertoire. Followed by an interview with  
 Lloyd Brown to Restore The Legacy of Paul Robeson.

**Humanists & Non-Theist - Sunday, February 23, 1PM, Fireside Room**

**"Coercive Health Care: Help or hindrance?"** With an increase in the  
 use of public health care services by destitute people living on the  
 margins of society there have been calls for making it easier for medical  
 practitioners to administer care against the will of patients.

**February Book Group - Led by Rev. Southern**

In February we will read **"The Overstory"** by **Richard Powers** a novel that  
 won the 2019 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. There are two opportunities for folks  
 to join in a conversation, on **Wednesday, February 26 from 6:30-8PM** or  
**Thursday, February 27 from noon to 1:30 PM.**

**Write Letters of Support to ICE Detainees- Feb. 26, 6:30 PM**

(@ La Corneta Taqueria - 2731 Mission St) UUSF members have been  
 meeting monthly to write letters of support to individual ICE detainees  
 at the Yuba City, CA facility. they would love to receive such supportive  
 mail and it helps them to maintain hope during the difficult months of  
 being far away from family and friends and facing much uncertainty  
 regarding what the future holds for them.

**Community Suppers**

Church members are cordially invited to attend one or more of our spring  
 2020 Community Suppers. The suppers are small and informal. Most are  
 soup and salad affairs — the host providing soup and bread, and the guests  
 providing salad and dessert. If you would like to attend one of these Suppers,  
 please go to [www.bit.ly/supper2020](http://www.bit.ly/supper2020) to sign up!

**Broadway Sing-A-Long - Saturday, March 7, 5:30 PM, TSK Room**

**Tickets are \$30. The event includes a catered dinner, wine, and lots  
 and lots of singing! Find our table located in the Gallery today!**

The church marks the place to be in the morning with its "Spirit  
 Saturday." Later that same evening is the annual Broadway Sing-A-  
 Long and this year we will be connecting MORE with our attendees  
 by singing lots more. We're returning to the "spirit of Broadway", this  
 March 7th, starring YOU!!!! and yours!!!

The event starts with wine at 5:30 PM, a Jordan Alexander catered  
 dinner at 6PM and group singing, led by **Mark Sumner**, from 7PM  
 until we drop or get hired for the next B'way show!

Soloists are still welcome---but all of you---PARTICULARLY those of you  
 who were once told 'not to sing'---are particularly welcome!

Questions? Contact us at [singbroadway@uusf.org](mailto:singbroadway@uusf.org)