

The Wintering Season



Sunday, December 20, 10:50 AM, 2020
First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco



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Order of Service
Sunday, December 20, 2020
10:50 AM to 12:15 PM

Livestreamed at <http://www.youtube.com/c/UUSFMedia>

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Prelude

Greensleeves

O Come, Little Children

Reiko Oda Lane, organist

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Diane Bish

Opening and Welcome

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister

Hymn 21

For the Beauty of the Earth

CREATION OF PEACE

Leandra Ramm, Brielle Marina Neilson, Ben Rudiak-Gould, Asher Davison, songleaders;

Reiko Oda Lane, organist; Mark Sumner, conductor

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Chalice Lighting "In Wholeness" by Sean Parker Dennison

Covenant

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.

Hymn 1067

Mother Earth Beloved Garden

CREATION OF PEACE

Leandra Ramm, Brielle Marina Neilson, Ben Rudiak-Gould, Asher Davison, songleaders;
Wm. García Ganz, pianist; Mark Sumner, conductor

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Ritual of Remembrance and Commitment

Rev. Alyson Jacks, Associate Minister

Spoken and Silent Meditation

Meg McGuire, Ministerial Intern

Hymn 55

Dark of Winter

CREATION OF PEACE

Leandra Ramm, Brielle Marina Neilson, Ben Rudiak-Gould, Asher Davison, songleaders;
Reiko Oda Lane, organist; Mark Sumner, conductor

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Story

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

"THE FIRST SONG: A tale of how Yule got its name" by Andras Corban Arthen

Offering

The offering today goes to support the work and ministries of the congregation.



Offertory Music

Adoro te devote

arranged by Jeanne Cotter

Leandra Ramm, Brielle Marina Neilson, Ben Rudiak-Gould, Asher Davison, songleaders;
Wm. García Ganz, pianist; Mark Sumner, conductor

Story (continued)

Make A Joyous Sound

O Tannenbaum

Traditional German Melody

Amy Kelly, Janet Scott, Alyson Jacks, Vanessa Rush Southern,
Meg McGuire, Solstice Ringers; Reiko Oda Lane, Handbell Choir Director

Reading

Rev. Alyson Jacks and Meg McGuire

selection from "Wintering: The Power of Rest and Retreat in Difficult Times" by Katherine May

Hanging of the Greens and singing *Deck the Hall With Boughs of Holly*

1. Deck the hall with boughs of holly, fa la la la la . . .
 'Tis the season to be jolly, fa la la la la . . .
 Don we now our gay apparel, fa la la la la . . .
 Troll the ancient Yuletide carol, fa la la la la . . .
2. See the blazing Yule before us, fa la la la la . . .
 Strike the harp and join the chorus, fa la la la la . . .
 Follow me in merry measure, fa la la la la . . .
 While I tell of Yuletide treasure, fa la la la la . . .
3. Fast away the old year passes, fa la la la la . . .
 Hail the new, ye lads and lasses, fa la la la la . . .
 Sing we joyous all together, fa la la la la . . .
 Heedless of the wind and weather, fa la la la la . . .

Closing Reading
“Green, Green, Green” by Thomas Ahlburn

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

Benediction

Rev. Alyson Jacks

Postlude
Bring A Torch, Jeannette, Isabella

Reiko Oda Lane, organist
Sharon Elery Rogers

PARTICIPANTS

Service Notes

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister
Rev. Alyson Jacks, Associate Minister
Meg McGuire, Ministerial Intern

Technology

Eric Shackelford, camera
Shulee Ong, camera
Jonathan Silk, sound/oos design
Joe Chapot, social media
Thomas Brown, sexton
Alex Darr, Zoom Coffee Hour

Solstice Ringers

Reiko Oda Lane, Handbell Choir Director
Amy Kelly
Janet Scott
Alyson Jacks
Vanessa Rush Southern
Meg McGuire

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Musicians

Reiko Oda Lane, organist
Mark Sumner, conductor
Leandra Ramm, soprano
Brielle Marina Neilson, alto
Ben Rudiak-Gould, tenor
Asher Davison, bass
Wm. García Ganz, pianist



21 For the Beauty of the Earth

$\text{♩} = 112$

1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the splen - dor
 2. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and
 3. For the won - der of each hour of the day and
 4. For the joy of hu - man care, sis - ter, broth - er,

of the skies, for the love which from our birth
 mind's de - light, for the mys - tic har - mo - ny
 of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower,
 par - ent, child, for the kin - ship we all share,

o - ver and a - round us lies:
 link - ing sense to sound and sight: Source of all, to
 sun and moon and stars of light:
 for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:

thee we raise this, our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Words: Folliott Sandford Pierpoint, 1835–1917, adapt.
 Music: Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872, abridged

DIX
 7.7.7.7.7.7.

PRAISE AND TRANSCENDENCE

1067 Mother Earth, Beloved Garden

♩ = 90

A5 A5/G F#m7

1. Moth-er Earth, be - lov - ed gar - den, liv - ing trea - sure
 2. Fa - ther Air, your in - spi - ra - tion holds to - geth - er
 3. Broth-er Fi - re, great trans-form - er, share the pas - sion

Em7 D/G A5 A5 A5/G

un - der foot, All our days you ground our be - ing:
 all that lives. As we breathe, our minds see clear - ly,
 of the sun. In our hearths, your warmth re - vives us,

F#m Em7 D5/G A5 D

sage and this - tle, grass and root. Herbs to heal us,
 lead - ing us to love and give. Rag - ing whirl-wind,
 cooks our food and heats our homes. Flam - ing can - dle,

A/C# Bm E7sus C2 G(add9)

plants to feed us, land to till and tend and plow.
 whis - pered breez - es, vio - lent gale and gen - tle cloud.
 blood with - in us, blaz - ing des - ert, will to grow.

Mother Earth, Beloved Garden -2

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff, with a bass clef staff below it. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is divided into two systems. The first system has two measures, with chords A5 and C6 indicated above the staff. The lyrics are: 'With the pen - dant, deep as mid - night, / With the blade as sharp as morn - ing, / With the wand, di - rect - ing pow - er,'. The second system has three measures, with chords D2, Em7 D5/G, and A5 indicated above the staff. The lyrics are: 'North we ask you: be here now. / East we ask you: be here now. / South we ask you: be here now.'.

A5 C6

With the pen - dant, deep as mid - night,
With the blade as sharp as morn - ing,
With the wand, di - rect - ing pow - er,

D2 Em7 D5/G A5

North we ask you: be here now. _____
East we ask you: be here now. _____
South we ask you: be here now. _____

4. Sister Water, ever flowing, ocean, river, pond and rain.
Drink we now and quench our thirsting; cleanse us, we begin again.
Mist and ice, a host of changes: all that courage will allow.
With the cup, the holy chalice, West we ask you: be here now.
5. Lover Spirit, intuition in the center of our souls.
In your love we find relation. All connected, we are whole.
Timeless mystery, quiet conscience, deepest values, voice inside.
With the drum and with the cauldron, this we ask you: be our guide.

$\text{♩} = 72$

1. Dark of win - ter, soft and still, your qui - et calm sur -
2. Dark - ness, soothe my wea - ry eyes, that I may see more

rounds me. Let my thoughts go where they will,
clear - ly. When my heart with sor - row cries,

ease my mind pro - found - ly. And then my soul will sing a song, a
com - fort and ca - ress me. And then my soul may hear a voice, a

bless - ed song of love e - ter - nal. Gen - tle dark - ness,
still, small voice of love e - ter - nal. Dark - ness, when my

soft and still, bring your qui - et to me.
fears a - rise, let your peace flow through me.

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WINTER MEDITATION
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W I N T E R

What's Coming Up? Ways to Connect in These Times



Virtual Coffee Hour: Starts at 12:15 PM

Join via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/725737157>

Meeting ID: 725 737 157

Dial by Phone: +1-669-900-6833 (San Jose)

Wish Guidance on Using Zoom?

There are a variety of ways you can learn how to connect through Zoom. The Church has prepared a Guide that explains the Zoom system, and all the basics you need to know in using the system. To access the Guide, [click here](#). You can also access brief on-line tutorials on Zoom To see an example of these tutorials (on how to join a Zoom meeting) [click here](#).

During these times we want you to have our email information handy. Please reach out to your ministers for any reason -- you are having a hard time (or know someone who is); you have a great idea for our new version of shared life in these times (or know someone with skills we could use in this chapter of life together); and because you don't know who to call about what's on your mind. Keep these handy:

Please contact Rev. Alyson Jacks (ajacks@uusf.org) or Vanessa Southern (vrsouthern@uusf.org)

In spite of all the COVID-19 restrictions and the Zooming of church activities and groups, various members of the church community continue offering Pastoral Care to UUSF congregants. [The Lay Chaplains](#) (Jan Oringer, Liz Strand, Gino Fortunato, Linda Harris, and Marty Vanderlaan) have been joined this Summer by retired ministers Margot Campbell-Gross and John Buehrens.

To contact this team, send an email to chaplains@uusf.org or telephone one of the lay chaplains. We will respond to your request and connect you to someone who can help. In providing care we often rely on a network of UUSF volunteers who have indicated they are available to help other members of the congregation. We wish to express our deep appreciation for the help of these volunteers.

Journey Toward Wholeness

Racial Equity Task Force Meeting

Tuesday, December 22, 7PM to 8:30 PM

The Journey Toward Wholeness / Racial Equity Task Force meets monthly on the 4th Tuesday. Last month we created a covenant for our work together and clarified that our focus, for the moment, will be on furthering the work within UUSF to dismantle white supremacy culture and build Beloved Community.

If you're interested in joining us on Tuesday, email info@uusf.org for meeting information and the materials for the meeting.



Special BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) Gathering

1st Sunday of the Month from 9:30 AM to 10:50 AM

An invitation for those who would like to join our monthly BIPOC gatherings. The sacred space is open to our members and friends who are Black, Indigenous and People of Color, takes place by Zoom (for now) on the first Sunday of every month often from 9:30-11am. If you are interested in attending or finding out more, please email bipoc@uusf.org.

Please come join this space for joy, renewal, care and inspiration.

Humanists & Non-Theists

Winter Solstice Celebration

Sunday, December 20 at 1:00 p.m.

Come join the Humanists and Non-Theists for a fun afternoon zoom party to celebrate the Solstice. We will be joined by Bay Area Vocalists Torbie Phillips and Gina Harris. They have performed in many Bay Area night-clubs and sometimes performed together. Torbie and Gina have graciously agreed to share some of their stories and music with us. Be prepared to be entertained! It will be interactive and fun.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85634356821?pwd=UXBhUGsyTkswbGhDSW51ay9VcjRIUT09>

Meeting ID: 856 3435 6821

Passcode: 841094

Dial by your location

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)



Blue Christmas Vespers

December 23rd, 6:00pm

If this season feels especially difficult, if you are grieving, if you seek extra quiet, comfort and community, join us for a “Blue Christmas” service and gathering on December 23rd at 6:00pm. This time will be both a vespers service and time for some reflection and sharing. We will make and hold space for whatever might be present for you in this season, through music, sharing and meditative ritual.

Register by 12/21 ([HERE](#)) to receive a small care package for the service.

We will send you the zoom link and/or phone number so you can join.

Online Silent Auction January 29, 2021 - February 4, 2021

Online Live Auction Friday, February 5, 2021

The soft breezes and the inclusive culture of Hawaii—the most diverse state in the union—are calling all UUSF members and friends to participate in the fabulous **Aloha AUUction 2021!** This major UUSF fundraiser and fun-raiser will be held from the comfort of our homes, and all of us can participate to help our UUSF community thrive in the new year. We'll need donations in every category: Experiences, Services, Collector's Items. All of us can do something.



HERE ARE JUST A FEW IDEAS:

- Weekend or week-long getaways
 - Cooking class
 - Zoom scavenger hunt
 - Storytelling, Homemade soup
 - Dinner preparation and delivery
 - Wine, beer, sake or kombucha tasting
 - Live online concert
 - Baking/cooking projects with ingredients brought to your door
 - Kids' art materials kit delivered to your door
 - Planter filled with plants/flowers of your choice
 - Earrings made to order, 2 hours of garden care
 - Driveway car wash
 - 2 hours of shopping or other errands
- To make a donation of any experience, service, or item [click here](#)
- To get more information, please email **Sue Anthony**
at susan.j.anthony@comcast.net.



SMALL GROUP MINISTRY SPRING 2021 SIGN-UPS

Have you been looking for a way to build a deeper connection within the UUSF community – especially during the challenges of shelter in place? The Small Group Ministries program is an excellent way to do that. Sign up for the Spring 2021 session, open now through January 29, 2021. Many participants have found Small Group Ministries as a way to deepen their connection with the congregation and build meaningful friendships and support with individual members.

What can you expect? SGM groups meet for 2 hours every other week with groups of 10 people. Initial sessions will meet virtually through Zoom and will transition to in person meetings when it is possible to do that safely at the church.

Through moderated discussion and deep listening, participants explore a range of issues and topics related to spirituality, social justice and personal growth. Past topics have included understanding spiritual experiences, gratitude, Black Lives Matter, mortality and after life, connection, and the arts. The order of services allows everyone to participate with two skilled facilitators leading the discussion. Members have the option to select topics for sessions, and there is a community service project incorporated into the series that lets everyone volunteer in a meaningful way.

To sign up for the upcoming Small Group Ministries series email our Small Group Ministry coordinators, sgm@uusf.org, or call them: **Barbara Kovac** at 415-370-9766 or **Gregg Biggs** at 415-505-4690.

Note: The registration link may say Fall 2020 to Spring 2021. We're reusing an old form, but it will work for anyone signing up just for Spring 2021.

[CLICK HERE](#)



New UU: A 2-Session series for Visitors and Newcomers

Tuesday, February 2 and 9. From 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Led by Rev. Alyson Jacks and Rev. Vanessa Southern

[REGISTER HERE](#) - Questions? Email Rev. Jacks - ajacks@uusf.org

Join Revs. Jacks and Southern, and special guests, for a two session New UU class. This interactive class will introduce you to Unitarian Universalism and our congregation. If you don't have Zoom capability, there is a simple way to call in to participate.

Session 1: A quick journey from Past to Present, Unitarian Universalist history and theology.

To understand where we are now culturally as a movement, in our philosophies and practices, and our place in the larger landscape of religious history, we'd like to give you an overview of some of the big sweeps of time and where Unitarian Universalism's roots began and where we find ourselves today. We will cover history, theology and a bit of what we call "polity" -- how we run ourselves and why we do it like that.

Session 2: First UU Society Past to Present

Along the same lines we'd like you to see the history of this particular congregation, it's place in the life and history of San Francisco and California. What has been part of this life, and right now how does this congregation understand the work of spiritual growth, the call to social action, what are our worship traditions (and why are they the way they are), how do we connect and take care of each other, and what is entailed in being called "a member."



UUSF MEDITATION MINISTRY

[Adult Religious Education Classes](#)

Meditation is a practice where an individual uses a technique – such as mindfulness, or focusing the mind on a particular object, thought, or activity – to train attention and awareness, and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state.

UUSF has the great fortune to offer two meditation programs you can participate in at any time. They are lead by **Elena Hanyo Perez**, a member of UUSF, licensed acupuncturist, and lay minister with Bright Dawn Center for Oneness Buddhism.

ZOOM LINK

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75735734442#success>

PASSWORD: metta

Morning Metta Meditation

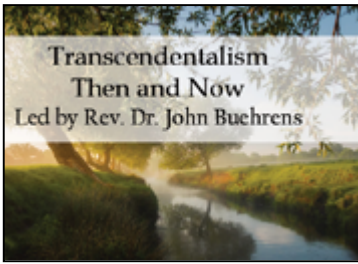
Tuesdays & Thursday, 8-8:30 AM

A simple, centering loving kindness meditation practice which is appropriate for all religious backgrounds and levels of meditation experience

Equanimity Practice

Fridays, 8-8:30 AM

A meditation practice on cultivating equanimity- that is accepting the reality of life's highs and lows, and developing an attitude of peaceful calm abiding throughout the inevitable changes.



Transcendentalism Then and Now

Wednesday, January 6, 13, 20, & 27, 2021 7:30 - 9PM

Led by Rev. Dr. John Buehrens and hosted by UU Church of Palo Alto

Registration: Advance registration is required. Please email **Marilyn Austin** at areclasses@uucpa.org to sign up for the class. The link will be provided to registered participants.

Rev John Buehrens is the retired senior minister of the UU church in San Francisco. After the last time he gave a guest sermon at UUCPA, numerous members of our congregation asked the ARE Committee to arrange for him to teach a class for us. We have finally accomplished that! On the four Wednesday evenings in January, from 7:30 to 9:00, Rev. Buehrens will teach a class via zoom entitled Transcendentalism: Then and Now. He will identify contemporary issues as well as explore the pioneering efforts of our spiritual forbears in spiritual practice, women's rights, anti-racism, and ecotheology. All four sessions will include both lecture and discussion. Those wishing to attend should email areclasses@uucpa.org in order to receive the zoom link.



Minister's Book Group: January

Wed, Jan. 27, 7:30-8 pm OR Thurs, Jan. 28, noon-1:30

Led by Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

Join the Minister's Book Group in January when we read and discuss Michael Pollan's "How to Change Your Mind: What the New Science of Psychedelics Teaches Us About Consciousness, Dying, Addiction, Depression, and Transcendence."

The book is a journey through the renewed fascination with what psychedelics are teaching the medical and therapeutic world about how our mind functions and what relief it may offer to some of the most painful realities of life -- depression and the painful work of facing death. Since the work touches on so much that is often thought part of the religious realm I am particularly interested in discussing it with our book group.

[REGISTER HERE](#)



BAY AREA FOOD INSECURITY ON THE RISE! NEED Help? Want to GIVE Help? BOTH?

Food insecurity is on the rise across the nation, including the Bay Area, as the continued COVID-19 pandemic affects jobs and reduces the access to healthy food by vulnerable seniors and individuals in quarantine. One study says that food insecurity has tripled in San Francisco in the past 6 months. If you are among this rising number of people and don't know how to access healthy food, we are here to help:

To Get Help connecting with sources of free healthy food, contact our lay chaplaincy team at Chaplains@uusf.org

THE SAN FRANCISCO / MARIN FOOD BANK NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!

In the past six months, his wonderful organization has almost doubled the number of households it serves to about 60,000 a month. Both the increase in the number of people served and the suggestion that those over 60 do not volunteer for safely reasons during the pandemic has produced a critical need for younger volunteers.

TO HELP, please join us at the **INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY!**

Every Saturday
7:30 AM to 11AM
[SIGN-UP HERE](#)

Wednesday Morning Vigils!

Wednesdays from 7:30-9AM at UUSF

As a consequential election approaches, With the overt threat to subvert its outcome; With the prospect of a shift in the Supreme Court that could threaten long held basic rights; Our choices and our voices on the ballots and in the public square are critical.

We cannot afford to be silent. We invite you to join fellow UUs and other people of conscience as we gather with signs and banners in front of our church.

We have banners and signs but feel free to make and bring your own addressing those concerns you find most critical to raise.

We want to do this in a way that is safe for everyone so please bring and wear your masks, use hand sanitizer, and socially distance.

The garage and interior of the church will not be available so please find street parking if you drive.

Let us know what you think at neveragain@uusf.org



Council of Committee Chairs Meeting Sunday, January 10, 12:15 PM (on zoom)

The Council of Committee Chairs (COCC) will hold a ZOOM meeting on Sunday, January 10, following services that day. Invitations with call-in instructions will be sent to current committee chairs, but others are invited to attend.

The COCC meeting will cover topics including the on-going work on our Journey to Wholeness, Center Updates, the Annual Operating Fund and updates from members regarding plans for the rest of the church year.

Anyone with questions or who would like to suggest other agenda items can contact Board members [Rochelle Fortier](#) or [Carrie Steere-Salazar](#).



During these uncertain times the UUSF Art Committee invites everyone to join the artists, friends, family to view our Virtual Group Art Show.

[CLICK HERE TO ENTER](#)



Valley
Alife Jang...



Peace Bird Throw
Barbara F Meyers...



In Memoriam
Barbara Grob...



Homage: Leonard Breger/ Bernal Hill Boogie



Morning Glory
Elaine Pratt...



Bird Dog
Jane Way...



Out of the Swamp
JF Ellman...

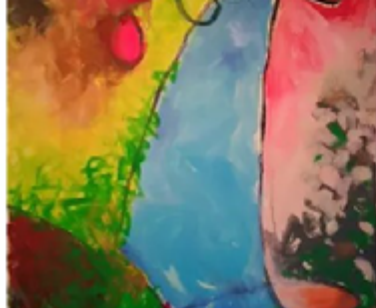


Autumn
Julia Wald...



Evening Owl
Kristen Stephens...





untitled no. 10

Lily Wu...



Spanish Bird

Lisa G Garrigues...



Universal Light

Louise Diskerud...



Stir Crazy Shelter in Place

Nancy Buffum...



Bring It On

Nic Griffin...



Columns Triptych (Phenomenal Growth)



Love will cure the Virus and the World



Red Malee Burl Chalice

Richard E. Davis...



My Beautiful Magical and Strange

Robert Witherington...



Red Roadway

Sofia Carmi...



Lines & Arcs

Winston Donmark...



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Blood Drive

First Unitarian Church

Tuesday, January 19, 2021
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Location: TSK Room
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San Francisco, CA 94109

To make an appointment, visit vitalant.org and
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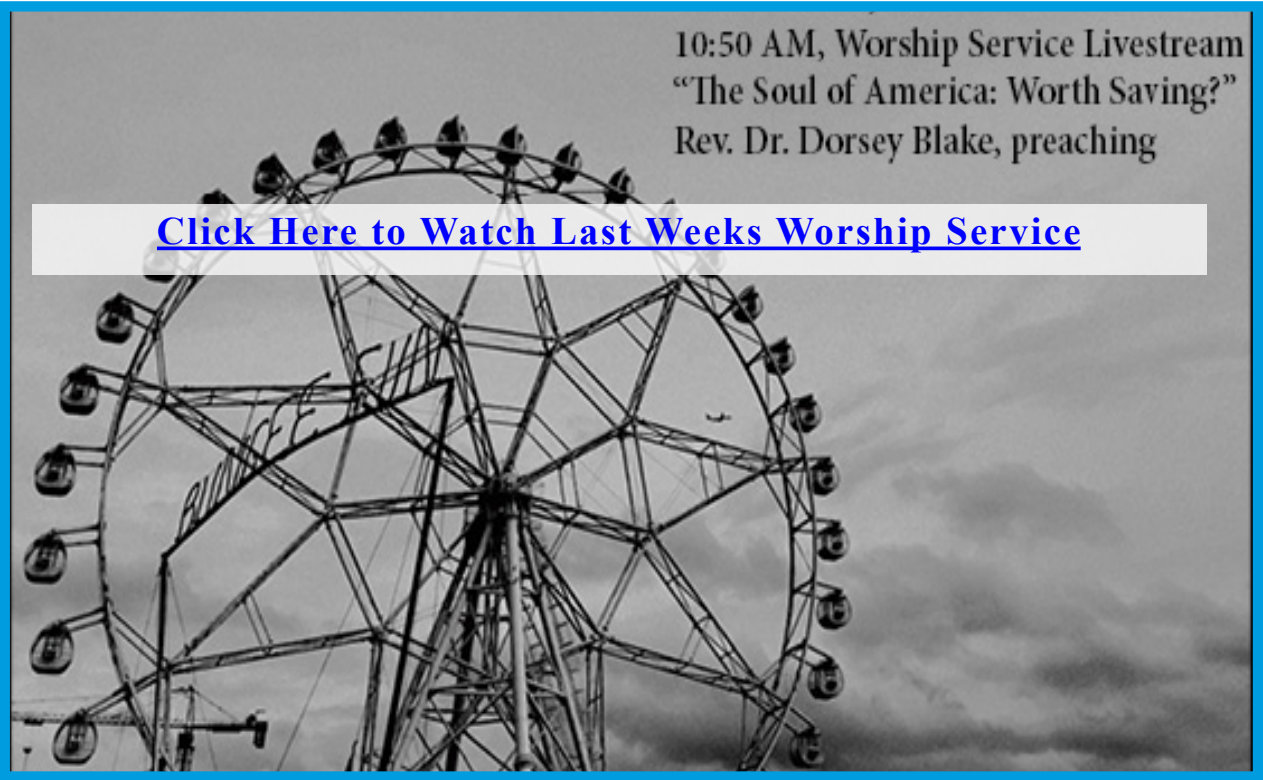
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Primary class
Ages 3-6 years
School day:
09:00 am – 03:00 pm

Afternoon Care:
2:30/3:00 pm – 5:00pm



10:50 AM, Worship Service Livestream
“The Soul of America: Worth Saving?”
Rev. Dr. Dorsey Blake, preaching

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Welcome to the First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco

Since its founding in 1850 our 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.

For more about our congregation,
please visit our website at www.uusf.org.

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