

"Kwanzaa"

Sunday, December 26, 10:50 AM, 2021

First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco





**Order of Service**  
**Sunday, December 26, 2021**  
**10:50 AM - 12:15 PM**

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

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Prelude      *Welcome*

John Coltrane  
Larry Chinn, Pianist

Greeting and Welcome

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister

Hymn 360

*Here We Have Gathered*

OLD 124th

Larry Chinn, Pianist; Ben Rudiak-Gould, Songleader

[\(CLICK HERE OR TURN TO PAGES 6 & 7 TO VIEW HYMN\)](#)

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.

## Meditation on Breathing

When I breathe in, I'll breathe in peace.  
When I breathe out, I'll breathe out love.

## Brief Invitations

## 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.

## Prayer

## Offering

The SF Village Project S.F. ([thevillageprojectsf.org](http://thevillageprojectsf.org)) brings together resources and programs to enhance the economic, educational, social and cultural well being of children. The Village Project promotes community unity, cultural awareness, connectedness, and engagement among diverse populations. Our target demographic resides in undeserved communities such as public and subsidized housing. To make a donation on Vanco or using the Donate Button on our website, please select the “Special Offering” choice to make your gift. If you are sending a check, please mark in the memo Special Offering “The SF Village Project S.F.”, 12.26.21.



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Offertory Music     *Village Blues*

John Coltrane  
Larry Chinn, Pianist

Reflection

Sam Hamner

Music     *Black Nile*

Wayne Shorter  
Larry Chinn, Pianist

Kwanzaa Celebration

Brotha Clinton Sockwell II

Pouring of Libations

Honoring of Ancestors

Seven Symbols

Music     *Liberia*

Wayne Shorter  
Larry Chinn, Pianist

Reflection

Christina McCauley Hamner

Hymn 149

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

LIFT EVERY VOICE

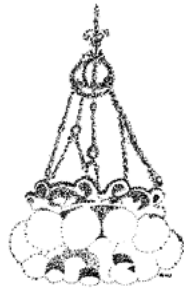
Larry Chinn, Pianist; Ben Rudiak-Gould, Songleader

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Benediction

Postlude     *Untitled*

Wayne Shorter  
Larry Chinn, Pianist



## OFFERTORY

### **The Village Project, S.F.: It takes a Village to raise a child.**

The Village Project began in 2006 as a volunteer-run summer lunch program and it has continued to expand since then. Today its programming includes its afterschool program, summer enrichment program, seniors in need meals, and their annual festivals and celebrations including the annual Kwanzaa and Mardis Gras events. The organization's target demographic resides in underserved communities such as public and subsidized housing and its mission is, "To bring together resources and programs to enhance the economic, educational, social and cultural well being of children." The Village Project, S.F. promotes community unity, cultural awareness, connectedness, and engagement among diverse populations and we are so grateful that its Director, Adrian Williams and Brotha Clinton Sockwell II were willing to partner with us for today's worship service. Our offering today will go to support the work of the Neighborhood Project, S.F. If you wish to learn more, get involved or give directly, go to: [www.thevillageprojectsf.org](http://www.thevillageprojectsf.org)



### **Sunday Virtual Coffee Hour** **12:15 pm on Sundays**

Anyone is welcome to join our community for our Virtual Coffee Hour, immediately following the Sunday Worship Service. Coffee not required.

Join the **Sermon Discussion Group**, led by **Donald Matusen**, at Virtual Coffee Hour after church today. Let the host know if you want to join this group when you arrive at Coffee Hour.

Join via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/725737157> / Meeting ID: 725 737 157



## PARTICIPANTS

### **Worship Leaders**

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister  
Rochelle Fortier Nwadibia, Board Moderator  
Sam and Christina McCauley Hamner  
Brotha Clinton Sockwell II from The Village Project

### **Sunday Support**

Eric Shackelford, Camera  
Jonathan Silk, Communications Director  
Joe Chapot, Live Chat Moderator  
Thomas Brown, Sexton  
Judy Payne, Flowers  
Tom Brookshire, Les James, Alex Darr, Zoom Coffee Hour

### **Muscians**

Larry Chinn, Jazz Pianist  
Ben Rudiak-Gould, Songleader

## ABOUT

**Larry Chinn** has played jazz piano in the bay area for almost 3 decades. In addition to extended tenures with Margie Baker, Jules Broussard and Al Molina, Larry has also shared the bandstand with Branford Marsalis, Frank Wess, John Handy, Pharoah Saunders, Mark Murphy, Marcus Shelby, Tiffany Austin, Kellye Gray, Madeline Eastman and Richie Cole working in locales ranging from neighborhood pubs, to luxury hotels and premier jazz venues like Yoshi's, Pearl's, and the Monterey Jazz Festival. Larry studied briefly at the Berklee College of Music, Pomona College with Bobby Bradford, and with Mark Levine. He took extensive lessons with Don Hass, Dick Hindman, Peter Horvath and Charlie Shoemake. More info at [www.larrychinn.com](http://www.larrychinn.com)

# 360 Here We Have Gathered

$\text{♩} = 76$

1. Here we have gath - ered, gath - ered side by side;  
 2. Here we have gath - ered, called to cel - e - brate  
 3. Life has its bat - tles, sor - rows, and re - gret:

cir - cle of kin - ship, come and step in - side!  
 days of our life - time, mat - ters small and great:  
 but in the shad - ows, let us not for - get:

May all who seek here find a kind - ly  
 we of all a - ges, wom - en, chil - dren,  
 we who now gath - er know each oth - er's

word; may all who speak here  
 men, in - fants and sa - ges,  
 pain; kind - ness can heal us:

⊕ Words: Alicia S. Carpenter, 1930- , © 1979 Alicia S. Carpenter  
 Music: Genevan psalter, 1543

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feel they have been heard. Sing now to  
 shar - ing what we can. Sing now to  
 as we give, we gain. Sing now in

geth - er this, our hearts' own song.  
 geth - er this, our hearts' own song.  
 friend - ship this, our hearts' own song.



# 149 Lift Every Voice and Sing

$\text{♩} = 76$

1. Lift ev - ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en  
 2. Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening  
 3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -  
 rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had  
 tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty; let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening  
 died; yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry  
 way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the

skies, let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
 feet come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed?  
 light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Words: James Weldon Johnson, 1871-1938  
 Music: J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873-1954,  
 © 1921 Edward B. Marks Music Co., renewed

LIFT EVERY VOICE  
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F R E E D O M

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has  
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been  
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we

taught us; sing a song full of the  
wa - tered; we have come, tread - ing our  
met thee; lest our hearts drunk with the

hope that the pres - ent has brought us; fac - ing the  
path thru the blood of the slaugh - tered, out from the  
wine of the world, we for - get thee; shad - owed be -

ris - ing sun of our new day be -  
gloom - y past, till now we stand at -  
neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er

gun, let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
last, where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

# Events, Meetings & Volunteer Opportunities ([www.uusf.org/news](http://www.uusf.org/news))

**“Florentine Proto-Humanism” is the next Humanists & Non-Theists event - Sunday, December 26, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm**  
Bob Burchfield, a member of the UU SF congregation and lifelong humanist, will present a review of Ross King’s 15th century Florentine history, “The Bookseller of Florence.” The book details the intellectual, cultural, and political life at the heart of Renaissance Europe. It demonstrates how book lovers planted the seeds of modern humanism. It goes into remarkable detail on the rise of the publishing industry and the decline of medieval manuscript production. There are even some closeted skeletons on view. **Zoom:** [bit.ly/HNTDEC26](https://bit.ly/HNTDEC26) **Mtg. ID:** 828 1615 6931 **Code:** 162240

The Humanists & Non-Theists are going to be taking a break following the December 26 event. Check out their YouTube playlist ([bit.ly/youtube-uuhumanists](https://bit.ly/youtube-uuhumanists)) for previously recorded Humanists & Non-Theists events that you might have missed.

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## **Black, Indigenous, & People of Color Gathering - Sunday, January 2, 2022 from 9:30 AM to 10:50 am**

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](mailto:bipoc@uusf.org). Please come join this space for joy, renewal, care and inspiration.

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## **Forum Returns January 9, 1 pm to 2:30 pm - “The Movement to Free Iran’s Political Prisoners”**

We invite you to join us and organize a fitting beginning for social justice in 2022: The International Emergency Campaign (IEC) to Free Iran’s Political Prisoners NOW and the UUSF Morning Forum will co-sponsor AN AFTERNOON OF SOLIDARITY TO FREE IRAN’S POLITICAL PRISONERS. HEROISM FOR OUR TIMES.

Zoom Link: <https://bit.ly/forumjan92022>

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## UPDATES

### **As the 2021 year draws to a close, we have a few reminders.**

For the week of December 26th and January 2, our Sunday services will be available online only. Our sanctuary and center will be closed for services out of safety concerns. UUSF will be closed from December 27 to January 2.

Our Sunday School program, including childcare, will be closed on Sunday, December 26 2021 and Sunday, January 2, 2022. Regular programming will resume on Sunday, January 9.

If you plan to make a donation and have it counted in this tax year, please do it via the online platform on our website ([www.uusf.org](http://www.uusf.org)) or [bit.ly/uusfpayments](https://bit.ly/uusfpayments). If you have any questions, please email [finance@uusf.org](mailto:finance@uusf.org).

We wish you and yours a safe and celebratory holiday experience!

# Adult Spiritual Growth Classes ([www.uusf.org/are](http://www.uusf.org/are))

## Minister's Book Group - Led by Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

Wednesday, 1/26/22, 6:30-8 pm or Thursday, 1/27/22, 12-1:30 pm - [bit.ly/MBGJAN22](http://bit.ly/MBGJAN22)

"Invisible Man" by Ralph Ellison. Written over five years and published in 1952, Ellison was the first African American writer to win the National Book Award for Fiction, which he did for this book in 1953. Part of our national modern canon.

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## "What Does it all Mean?" ...And Other Timeless Questions

February 6 - 27 - Sundays from 9:45-10:45 am - [bit.ly/philosophyfeb2022](http://bit.ly/philosophyfeb2022)

Join UUSF member Jay Gupta, Professor of Philosophy at Mills College, for a four-week class centered around ethics and philosophy. In this brief introduction to philosophy, participants will discuss questions that have aroused the curiosity of reflective people everywhere: How do we know anything?

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## Morning Meta Meditation

Tuesdays & Thursday, 8-8:30 am (<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75735734442#success>)

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

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## Equanimity Practice

Fridays, 8-8:30 am (<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75735734442#success>)

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.

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## Yoga with Amy

Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:15 pm. [REGISTER HERE \(https://bit.ly/amy-yoga\)](https://bit.ly/amy-yoga)

These sessions are open to anyone, from those with no previous yoga experience to longtime yoga practitioners. As in most yoga classes, the sessions promote strength, flexibility, balance, and focus, as well as creating space for relaxation, but these particular sessions have a therapeutic intention, aimed to increase the resilience of your nervous system, essential to managing stress.

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## NEW UU: A 2-Session Series for Visitors and Newcomers

Wednesday, January 19 and February 2, 2022, 7:00 - 8:30 pm. - Leader: Rev. Alyson Jacks, Rev. Vanessa Southern

Join Revs. Jacks and Southern for a two session New UU class. This interactive class will introduce you to Unitarian Universalism and our congregation. **Session 1:** Roots and Wings: History, Theology, Principles and Purposes. **Session 2:** Community, Connection and Commitment. Get notified and access to an exclusive registration period before our next New UU class is announced by completing the form. [bit.ly/newuureminder](http://bit.ly/newuureminder)





# The Hanging of the Greens: An Intergen Service

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Sunday, December 19



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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.

## OUR SOCIETY'S VISION

We, The First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco, delight in our authentic, inclusive congregation that reaches across generations, ethnicities, and differences. We take care of one another, building spiritual community, knowing that we are stronger and accomplish more together. Guided by our responsibility to future generations, we take leadership in shaping a compassionate, sustainable world. Inspired by our courageous heritage and compelled by conscience, we hold one another accountable to work for racial, environmental, and economic justice and the dignity and rights of all.

## OUR SOCIETY'S MISSION

As a vibrant, joyous, caring, inclusive community of diverse people, we create a nurturing space for spiritual growth and learning. Based on our shared values, we work together courageously and publicly for human rights, economic justice, and environmental salvation.

For more about our congregation,  
please visit our website at [www.uusf.org](http://www.uusf.org).

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