

"Right Belief or Right Living"

Sunday, January 2, 10:50 AM, 2022

First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco





Order of Service
Sunday, January 2, 2022
10:50 AM - 12:15 PM

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

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Prelude *Sleepers Wake! A Voice Is Calling*
Life Is the Greatest Gift of All

BWV 645 Johann Sebastian Bach
BROTHER JAME' AIR / Harold Darke
Reiko Oda Lane, organist

Greeting and Welcome

Rev. Dr. John A. Buehrens

Hymn 350

The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time

MCKEE

Ben Rudiak-Gould, tenor; Elliott Etzkorn, pianist

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Unison Chalice Lighting

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

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

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

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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

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

Ritual of Remembrance and Commitment

Rev. Dr. John A. Buehrens

Time of Spoken and Silent Meditation

Music "Number 4 in A Major", from *Songs Without Words*Felix Mendelssohn
Elliott Etzkorn, pianist

Responsive Reading No. 544 by Kathleen McTigue

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Offering

The offering this morning will go to SACReD Dignity. SACRed (justtx.org/sacred) is an interfaith, intersectional organization that is organizing faith communities to reclaim reproductive dignity and autonomy. Our offering will go to support their first ever virtual conference. 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, 1-02.22.



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Offertory Music	“Number 2 in A Major“, from <i>Songs Without Words</i>	Felix Mendelssohn Elliott Etzkorn, pianist
Reading	“On Going to Church” by A. Powell Davies	Rev. Dr. David Usher
Music	“Number 1 in A Major“, from <i>Songs Without Words</i>	Felix Mendelssohn Elliott Etzkorn, pianist
Sermon	“Right Belief or Right Living”	Rev. Dr. David Usher
Hymn 6	<i>Just As Long As I Have Breath</i> Ben Rudiak-Gould, tenor; Elliott Etzkorn, pianist (CLICK HERE OR TURN TO PAGE 8 TO VIEW HYMN)	NICHT SO TRAURIG
Benediction		Rev. Dr. David Usher
Postlude	<i>Allegro Maestoso - Sonata No. 2</i>	Felix Mendelssohn Reiko Oda Lane, organist



SACReD Dignity: faith communities reclaiming reproductive dignity and autonomy

Today's offering is for SACRed, an interfaith, intersectional organization that is organizing faith communities to reclaim reproductive dignity and autonomy. The SACReD model is based on the Reproductive Freedom congregations program at the Texas Freedom Network. UUSF, through its Women's is trying to become an official sponsor of the first convening of the group that will take place, virtually, on January 25-26, 2022. It will be a first-of-its-kind virtual gathering of justice-oriented people of faith, activists, and leaders from the reproductive health, rights, and justice community. Cherisse Scott, the Founder and Executive Director of SisterReach, will be the keynote speaker. Grounded in our shared values of *justice, dignity, human rights, compassion, and expansive love*, we will discover how faith and reproductive liberation are interdependent through keynotes, panel discussions, and breakout sessions. Learn why our collective voices matter now more than ever in the fight for abortion access and reproductive freedom so you can share the message of faithful reproductive dignity with yourself, your congregations and your communities. Find out more about the organization at: www.sacreddignity.org. And thank you for your generosity this morning!

UUSF HRWG Women's Group (www.uusf.org/hrwg)

The support for SACRed is being lead by the UUSF Women's Group that is part of our UUSF Human Rights Working Group. For more information email: humanrights@uusf.org.

**The Flowers today
were provided
by Carrie
Steere-Salazar.**

PARTICIPANTS

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Rev. Dr. John A. Buehrens

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Muscians

Reiko Oda Lane, Organist
Elliott Etzkorn, Classical Pianist
Ben Rudiak-Gould, Tenor

ABOUT

A lifelong Unitarian Universalist, **Rev David Usher** is originally Australian. After working as a jackaroo in the outback and then travelling the world he studied for the ministry at the University of Oxford and had ministries in the UK and the USA. He is the author of two books, and was the Founding President of The International Council of Unitarians and Universalists. Now retired, he lives in San Mateo.

Elliott Etzkorn is a pianist and accompanist living in Oakland. He studied at the University of Wisconsin where he accompanied the opera program, many choirs, and individual soloists, and studied piano and composition. After graduating in 2014 he moved to the Bay Area to pursue a career in software engineering. Outside of his involvement with UUSF he organizes a free piano studio in the East Bay as a means of community building, and would love to connect with anyone also interested in that topic.



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

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The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time

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1. The cease-less flow of end-less time no
 2. The pres-ent slips in-to the past, and
 3. The past and fu-ture ev-er meet in

one can check or stay; we'll view the past with
 dream-like melts a-way; the break-ing of to-
 the e-ter-nal now: to make each day a

no re-gret, nor fu-ture with dis-may.
 mor-row's dawn be-gins a new to-day.
 thing com-plete shall be our New Year vow.

⊕ Words: John Andrew Storey, 1935—
 Music: African American spiritual, c. 1750–1875, adapt. and harmony by
 Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

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They Are with Us Still

By Kathleen McTigue

In the struggles we choose for ourselves,
in the ways we move forward in our lives
and bring our world forward with us,

*It is right to remember the names of those
who gave us strength in this choice of living.
It is right to name the power of hard lives well-lived.*

We share a history with those lives.
We belong to the same motion.

*They too were strengthened by what had gone before.
They too were drawn on by the vision of what might come to be.*

Those who lived before us,
who struggled for justice and suffered injustice before us,
have not melted into the dust,
and have not disappeared.

*They are with us still.
The lives they lived hold us steady.*

Their words remind us and call us back to ourselves.
Their courage and love evoke our own.

*We, the living, carry them with us:
we are their voices, their hands and their hearts.*

We take them with us,
and with them choose the deeper path of living.

[BACK](#)

6 Just as Long as I Have Breath

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1. Just as long as I have breath, I must ans - wer,
 2. Just as long as vi - sion lasts, I must ans - wer,
 3. Just as long as my heart beats, I must ans - wer,

"Yes," to life; though with pain I made my way,
 "Yes," to truth; in my dream and in my dark,
 "Yes," to love; dis - ap - point - ment pierced me through,

still with hope I meet each day. If they ask what
 al - ways: that e - lu - sive spark. If they ask what
 still I kept on lov - ing you. If they ask what

I did well, tell them I said, "Yes," to life.
 I did well, tell them I said, "Yes," to truth.
 I did best, tell them I said, "Yes," to love.

⊕ Words: Alicia S. Carpenter, 1930– , © 1981 Alicia S. Carpenter
 Music: Johann G. Ebeling, 1637–1676,
 ⊕ harmony rev. by John Edwin Giles, 1949– ,
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Events, Meetings & Volunteer Opportunities (www.uusf.org/news)

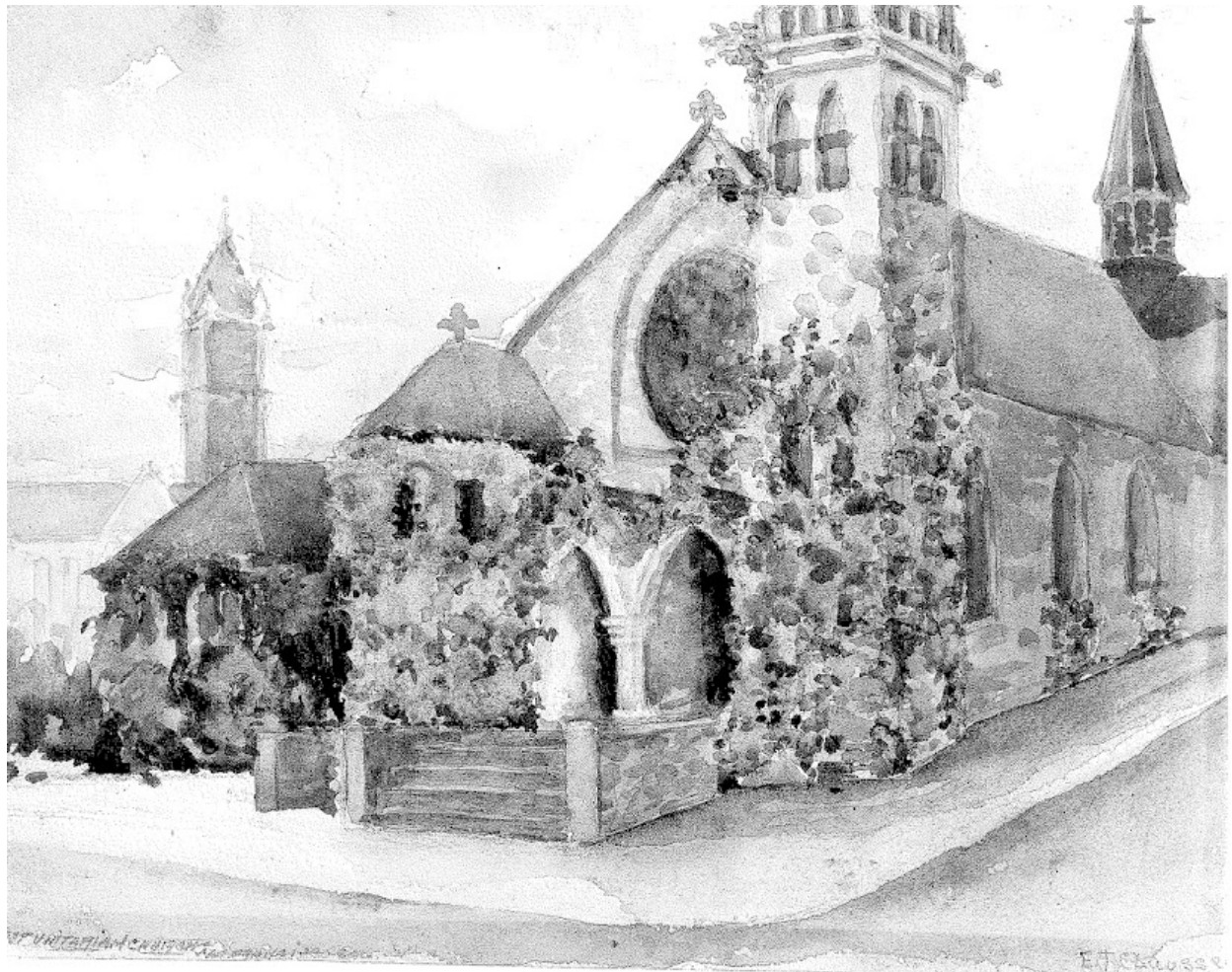
Black, Indigenous, & People of Color Gathering - 1st Sunday of the month from 9:30 AM to 10:50 am

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

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>



Adult Spiritual Growth Classes (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

"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.

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

February 6 - 27 - Sundays from 9:45-10:45 am - 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?

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.

Equanimity Practice

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

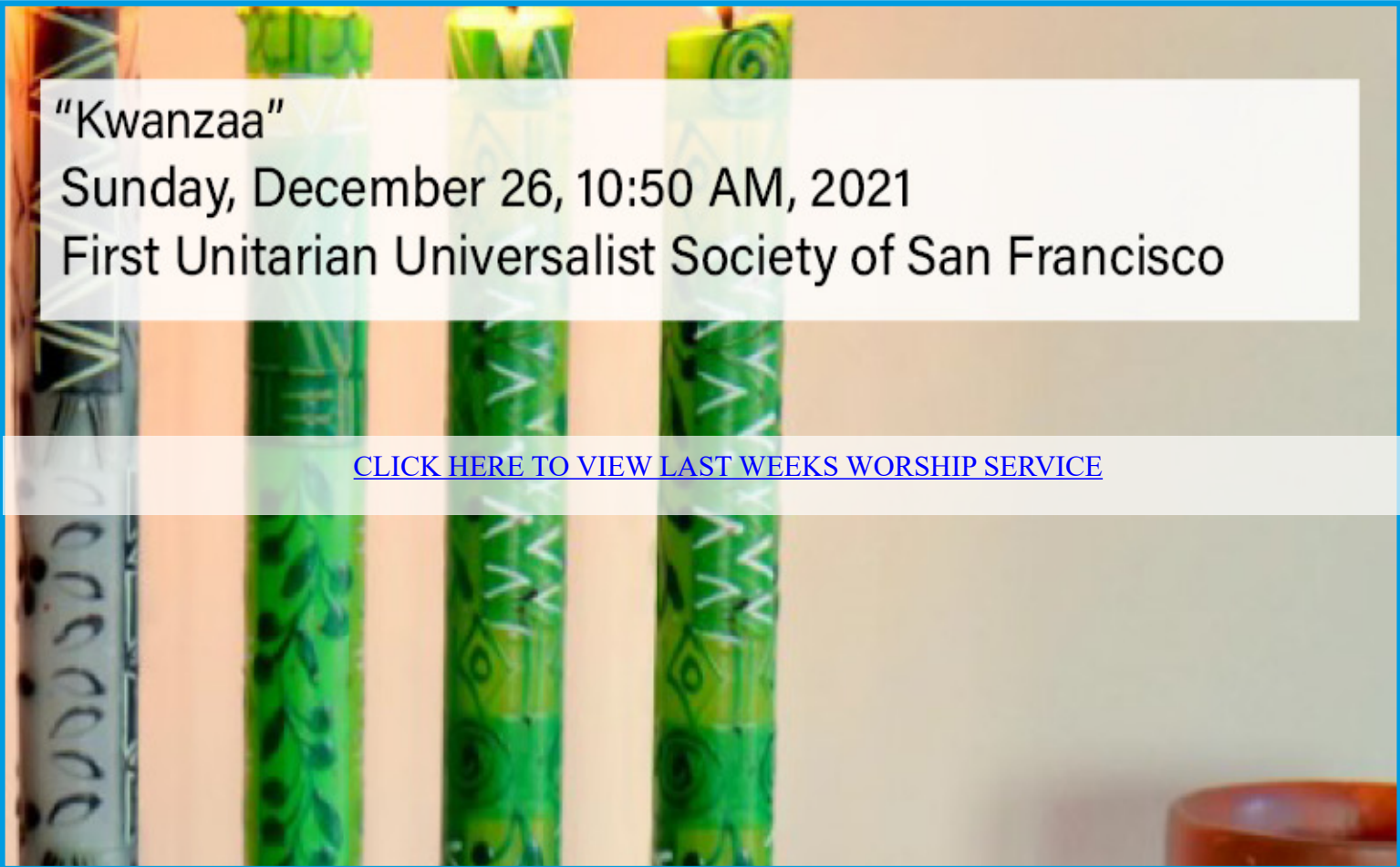
A meditation practice on cultivating equanimity—that is, accepting the reality of life's highs and lows and developing an attitude of peaceful calm abiding throughout the inevitable changes.

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





"Kwanzaa"

Sunday, December 26, 10:50 AM, 2021

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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.

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