



""God' is not God's name"

Sunday, January 9, 10:50 AM, 2022

First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco



**Order of Service**  
**Sunday, January 9, 2022**  
**10:50 AM - 12:15 PM**

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

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Prelude	<i>Sinfonia to Cantata, BWV 156</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach
	<i>Fuga and Ciacona in D Minor</i>	Johann Pachelbel
		Reiko Oda Lane, Organist

Greeting and Welcome	Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister
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Hymn 90	<i>From all the Fret and Fever of the Day</i>	COOLINGE
	Brielle Marina Neilson, Songleader; Reiko Oda Lane, Organist	
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Unison Chalice Lighting	Dennis Adams, Worship Associate
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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

### Meditation on Breathing

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

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.

### Ritual of Remembrance and Commitment

### Time of Spoken and Silent Meditation

Music *Sarabande* from Cello Suite #1 in G Major

Johann Sebastian Bach  
Jill Rachuy Brindel, Cellist

### Reflection

Dennis Adams



## Offering

The offering this morning will go to UUSC's **Guest at Your Table Program** to help advance community-led human rights initiatives around the world to meet the enormous challenges of today and build a more just future. Donations of \$150 or more are eligible to be matched by the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock in Manhasset, NY. 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 "Guest at Your Table, 1-9.22.



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Offertory Music    *Minuet* from Cello Suite #1 in G Major

Johann Sebastian Bach  
Jill Rachuy Brindel, Cellist

## Reading

Music        *Prelude* from Cello Suite #1 in G Major

Johann Sebastian Bach  
Jill Rachuy Brindel, Cellist

Sermon        "‘God’ is not God’s name"

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

## Hymn 23

*Bring Many Names*

WESTCHASE

Brielle Marina Neilson, Songleader; Reiko Oda Lane, Organist

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## Benediction

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

Postlude        *Wir glauben all’ an einen Gott*, BWV 680

Johann Sebastian Bach  
Reiko Oda Lane, organist



## PARTICIPANTS

### **Worship Leaders**

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister  
Dennis Adams, Worship Associate

### **Sunday Support**

Eric Shackelford, Camera  
Shulee Ong, Camera  
Don Shearer, Camera  
Jonathan Silk, Communications Director  
Joe Chapot, Live Chat Moderator  
Remigio Flood, Sexton  
Carrie Steere-Salazar, Flowers  
Tom Brookshire, Les James, Alex Darr, Zoom Coffee Hour

### **Muscians**

Reiko Oda Lane, Organist  
Jill Rachuy Brindel, Cellist  
Brielle Marina Neilson, Songleader

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## **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

# UUSC - GUEST AT YOUR TABLE



From Thanksgiving through New Year's members of our congregation have kept **Guest at Your Table** boxes on our dining tables or other family gathering spots and "fed" them daily with donations to support the work of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC), our UU human rights and social justice organization. We have shared and reflected on the stories of UUSC partners who are confronting unjust power structures, mobilizing to challenge oppressive policies and promoting human rights and social justice. We have welcomed these unseen brothers and sisters as "guests" at our tables. And we have been thankful for the opportunity that this practice has given us to reflect on the true values of the holiday season.

Today we will be celebrating the annual ingathering of the Guest at Your Table donations for the work of the UUSC and will also have the UUSC as the recipient of our Sunday offering. Since we are not meeting at church in person this Sunday, we encourage you to count the donations in your boxes and donate this amount plus any additional donations you wish to make in one of two ways: 1) Through the link at ([bit.ly/uusfpayments](https://bit.ly/uusfpayments)) for our special donation collection for the UUSC (<https://www.uusc.org/>).

If you have not been using a box but would like to take this opportunity to support the work of the UUSC we encourage you to do so. All donations entitle you to UUSC membership. Donations to the UUSC Guest at Your Table fund through the end of January at the level of \$125 or more will be matched by the UU congregation at Shelter Rock.

## ABOUT

**Jill Rachuy Brindel** has been a cellist with the San Francisco Symphony since 1980 and a member of the Navarro Trio for more than twenty years. This ensemble was hailed as "the premier trio of Northern California" by Terry McNeill writing for North Bay Classical Music. ([www.nbcm.org](http://www.nbcm.org)) She studied at Indiana University and Chicago Musical College and was formerly Assistant Principal Cellist of the Lyric Opera of Chicago Orchestra, Principal Cellist of the Mendocino Music Festival for its first six years, cellist for the Navarro Quartet and a member of the Houston Symphony. She has performed chamber music at Kohl Mansion, the Russian River Chamber Festival, Old First Church, the Ralston Chamber Series, Rossmoor, Chamber Music Sundaes, the San Francisco Symphony Chamber series and at Sonoma State University, where the Navarro Trio is in residence. In 2006 she returned to the Mendocino Music Festival as Principal Cellist and chamber soloist and in 2009 she became co-director of the Emerging Artists Program at the festival. Ms. Brindel actively promotes the music of her late father, composer Bernard Brindel.

She is a private instructor of cello as well as the coach for the cello section of the SFS Youth Orchestra. Ms. Brindel has given seminars on audition techniques to students at the University of Nevada at Reno and the New World Symphony. In 2011 the San Francisco Symphony selected her to hold the Gary & Kathleen Heidenreich Second Century Cello Chair. On August 23, 2014 the Navarro Trio played in the opening concert in Schroeder Hall, the new Chamber music hall at Sonoma State University. She has been an instructor of cello at Sonoma State University since 2015.

# From All the Fret and Fever of the Day

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$\text{♩} = 58$

1. From all the fret and fe - ver of the  
2. In qui - et - ness and sol - i - tude we

day, let there be mo - ments when we turn a -  
find the sound - less wis - dom of the deep - er

way, and, deaf to all con - fus - ing out - er  
mind; with clear har - mo - nious pur - pose let us

din, in - tent - ly lis - ten for the voice with - in.  
then bring rich - er mean - ing to the world a - gain.

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COOLINGE  
10.10.10.10.

MEDITATION AND MYSTICAL SONGS

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## Bring Many Names

$\text{♩} = 80$  Unison

1. Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good;  
 2. Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day,  
 3. Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - 'ry child,  
 4. Old, ach - ing God, grey with end - less care,

cel - e - brate in par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li - ness in  
 plan - ning all the won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting each e -  
 feel - ing all the strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing and for -  
 calm - ly pierc - ing e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of new sur -

glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God: hail and ho -  
 qua - tion, ge - ni - us at play: hail and ho -  
 giv - ing, till we're rec - on - ciled: hail and ho -  
 pris - es, wis - er than des - pair: hail and ho -

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1.-5. 6.

- san - na, bring man - y names.  
 - san - na, strong moth - er God!  
 - san - na, warm fa - ther God!  
 - san - na, old, ach - ing God!

great, liv - ing God!

5. Young, growing God, eager still to know,  
 willing to be changed by what you've started,  
 quick to be delighted, singing as you go:  
 hail and hosanna, young, growing God!

6. Great, living God, never fully known,  
 joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,  
 closer yet than breathing, everlasting home:  
 hail and hosanna, great, living God!



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International  
Emergency  
Campaign to  
**FreeIranPoliticalPrisonersNOW.org**

**UUSF FORUM**  
The Unitarian Universalist  
Society of San Francisco

**Forum Sunday, January 9, 1 pm to 2:30 pm - HEROISM FOR OUR TIMES — AN AFTERNOON OF SOLIDARITY 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.

**Featured Speakers:** **Mariam Claren**, daughter of German-Iranian dual citizen and political prisoner Nahid Taghavi held in Iran since October 2020. **Lawdan Bazargan**, former political prisoner, family member of victims of the 1988 massacre of Iran's political prisoners, and human rights activist. **Larry Everest**, a spokesperson for the IEC; author of the book "Oil, Power and Empire"; journalist and contributor to [revcom.us](http://revcom.us). **Dr. Azam Niroomand-Rad**, emeritus professor, Georgetown University, Washington, DC; honorary faculty member of the Dept. of Medical Physics, University of Wisconsin at Madison. There will be music, a Q&A and more!

The program will generally be informed by the content of the Emergency Appeal: The Lives of Iran's Political Prisoners Hang in the Balance—We Must ACT Now [www.freeiranpoliticalprisonersnow.org/](http://www.freeiranpoliticalprisonersnow.org/).

Zoom Link to this Event: <https://bit.ly/forumjan92022>

## **Beloved Universalists: Living the UU Faith in The Philippines - Friday, January 14, 6:30 pm to 8 pm**

We will show a comprehensive documentary film on the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Philippines (UUCP) from the founding of the church in the 1950's to 2019. The film describes the life and times of a charismatic founder who became active in land reform and profiles UUCP's current leadership including the first out lesbian and first trans president in the church's history. Filmmakers Lori Lai and Shulee Ong explored several UUCP congregations and interviewed key UUCP leaders during their 2019 Pilgrimage. **Meeting ID:** 915 3977 4631. **Zoom Link:** <https://bit.ly/3pWq4PY>

## **The Pagan Interest Circle Celebrate the First Full Moon of 2022- Saturday, January 15, 7 pm**

The Pagan Interest Circle will meet via Zoom to celebrate the first Full Moon of 2022. We will do a virtual version of a Burning Away ceremony to let go of the old and welcome in the growing of the new sun and new year.

Questions? Contact **Nancy Buffum** at 415-845-2584 or [pagan@uusf.org](mailto:pagan@uusf.org). We will send out the Zoom link the week before the ritual.

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

# 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 - Sign-up for this online class at [bit.ly/MBGJAN22](https://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 - Sign-up for this online class at [bit.ly/philosophyfeb2022](https://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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## NEW UU: A 2-Session Series for Visitors and Newcomers

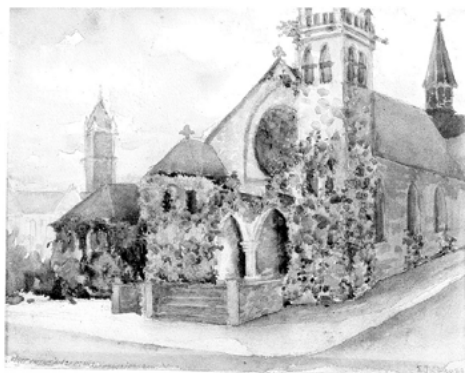
Led by Rev. Alyson Jacks, Rev. Vanessa Southern

Get notified and access to an exclusive registration period before our next New UU class is announced by completing the form at [bit.ly/newuureminder](https://bit.ly/newuureminder)

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.





# **“Right Belief or Right Living”**

**January 2, 2022 at 10:50 am**

**Rev. Dr. David Usher, Guest Minister, 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.

## 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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