

“The Ecology of Generosity”

Sunday, March 6, 10:50 AM, 2022

First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco



Order of Service
Sunday, March 6, 2022
10:50 AM - 12:15 PM

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Welcome back to those returning to onsite Worship Service!

Please stay masked during the Worship Service and maintain social distance.

After service we invite you to convene for a coffee and a sweet surprise in the Courtyard.

As we ease back into the new normal, we want to keep our congregation and staff safe.

Please be mindful of social distance and wear your mask when you are not eating or drinking.

Prelude	<i>All Through the Night</i>	Welsh Melody: Drahman/Wood
	<i>How Brightly Shines the Morning Star</i>	Bach/ Ritter
	<i>Morning Has Broken</i>	Gaelic Air: Keith Chapman/Wood
		Reiko Oda Lane, Organist

Greeting and Welcome	Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister
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Hymn 38	<i>Morning Has Broken</i>	BUNESSAN
	UUSF Choir led by Mark Sumner, Music Director; Wm. García Ganz, 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

Greeting One Another

From you I re-ceive, to you I give, to -
 geth - er we share, and from this we live.

Chords: F, Bb, C, F, Dm, Gm, C7, F

Tempo: ♩ = 120

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 *From You I Receive*

Jason and Nathan Segal
UUSF Choir led by Mark Sumner, Music Director

Canvass Kick Off

Sam King and Wonder Dave

Offering

Breaking with our tradition of not taking offerings in the month we are asking and acknowledging the gifts to our own ministries and works, we will take an offering today for the **International Rescue Committee** and its works to support refugees from the crisis in Ukraine. The IRC is on the ground in Poland and preparing to support displaced families. Your emergency gift will help them provide food, medical care and emergency supplies to refugee families in countries like Ukraine, Afghanistan, Syria, and Yemen. For more information about the International Rescue Committee, see IRC.org. 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**” 03-06-22.

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Offertory Music *Concord*

Benjamin Britten
UUSF Choir led by Mark Sumner, Music Director

Reading Excerpt from “Joy Unspeakable” by Dr. Barbara A. Jones

Music *Your Children*

Khalil Gibran’s *The Prophet* (adapted by Bill Klingelhoffer), Kinley Lange
UUSF Choir led by Mark Sumner, Music Director

Sermon “The Ecology of Generosity”

Rev. Vail Weller

Hymn 128

For All That Is Our Life
UUSF Choir led by Mark Sumner, Music Director; Wm. García Ganz, Pianist

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PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leaders

Rev. Vail Weller, Guest Minister
Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern,
Senior Minister
Sam King & Wonder Dave,
Canvass Committee

Sunday Support

Eric Shackelford, Camera
Shulee Ong, Camera
Donald Shearer, Camera
Jonathan Silk, Sound
Joe Chapot, Live Chat Moderator
Remigio Flood, Sexton
Kelvin Jones, Sexton
Judy Payne, Flowers
Tom Brookshire, Les James,
Alex Darr, Zoom Coffee Hour

Muscians

Reiko Oda Lane, Organist
Mark Sumner, Music Director
Wm. García Ganz, Pianist
UUSF Choir

ABOUT



Rev. Vail Weller (she/her/hers) is fortunate to be living out her calling by amplifying a theology of generosity. When not working as Congregational Giving Director at the Unitarian Universalist Association, she is cooking, communing with the crows and hummingbirds in her yard, or spending time with her family. Vail has served congregations as parish minister in West Virginia, Michigan, and most recently San Mateo, California, where she still resides. She was raised a Unitarian Universalist in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.



These last years have been a complicated time for all of us. It's like we've been wandering through a forest, and we've found some bright spots and clearings along the way, but we aren't out of the woods yet. As a community, we need to help each other through.

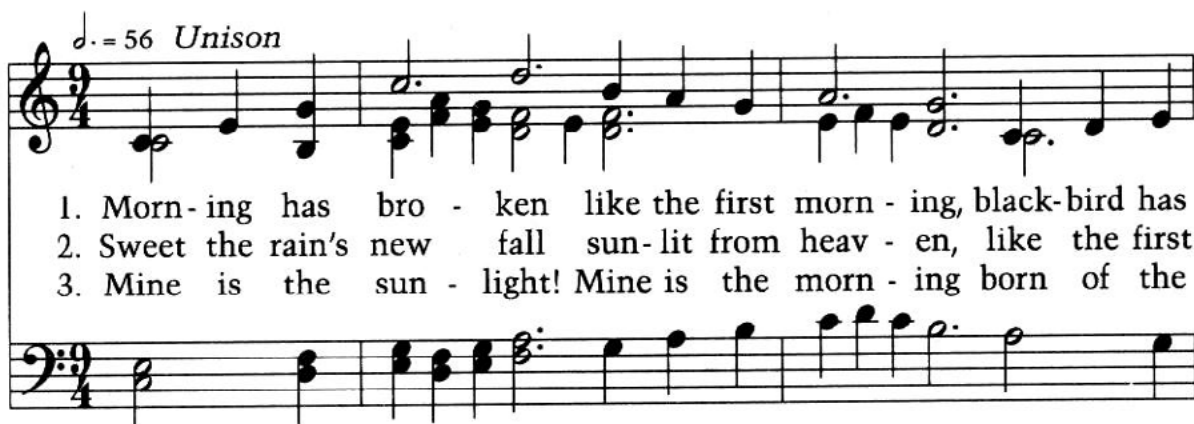
UUSF is in a more stable place than in the worst of it. Rental income isn't back to 100%, but we've been able to return to in-person, at least partly. And we have a lot of hope for the future. But we still need your support and generosity to make it through.

If you'd like to pledge online, you can do so at uusf.org/pledge. We also mailed pledge forms to everyone, and we will have them available after the service each Sunday in March if you would rather fill it out in paper. And, if you get your pledges in by March 13, you'll be included in a raffle for the prize of a three night stay at Marty Vanderlaan's Lake Tahoe vacation home!

Questions? Email Co-Chairs: Sam King & “Wonder Dave” Crady (aof@uusf.org)

Morning Has Broken

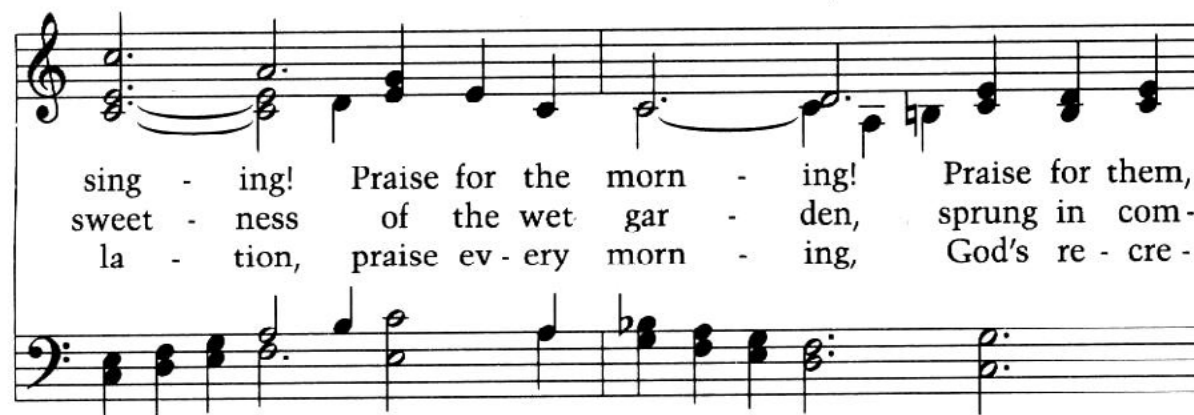
♩. = 56 Unison



1. Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing, black-bird has
 2. Sweet the rain's new fall sun-lit from heav - en, like the first
 3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e -



sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing! Praise for them,
 sweet - ness of the wet gar - den, sprung in com -
 la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing, God's re - cre -



spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 a - tion of the new day!

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 Evans, 1874-1948

BUNESSAN
 5.5.5.4.D.

$\text{♩} = 76$

1. For
2. For
3. For
4. For

all that is our life we sing our thanks and praise; for
needs which oth - ers serve, for ser - vic - es we give, for
sor - row we must bear, for fail - ures, pain, and loss, for
all that is our life we sing our thanks and praise; for

all life is a gift which we are called to use to
work and its re - wards, for hours of rest and love; we
each new thing we learn, for fear - ful hours that pass: we
all life is a gift which we are called to use to

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SHERMAN ISLAND
6.6.6.6.6.6.

build the com - mon good and
 come with praise and thanks for
 come with praise and thanks for
 build the com - mon good and

make our own days glad.
 all that is our life.
 all that is our life.
 make our own days

1.-3.

glad.

4.

LOVE AND COMPASSION

Adult Spiritual Growth Classes (www.uusf.org/are)

Minister's Book Group: Wednesday, March 30, 6:30-8 pm or Thursday, March 31, 12-1:30 pm

Led by Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister. This month's book is "Decolonizing Wealth: Indigenous Wisdom to Heal Divides and Restore Balance" by Edgar Villanueva. Register at bit.ly/bookgroup3-22



Philanthropy and the models of philanthropic giving, even the whole notion of philanthropy and the way it is structured have been under review and criticism of late. In 2018 Edgar Villanueva was at the front end of this wave of interrogation of the “good” work done by private givers and their foundations and charities. Villanueva asks whether as a model such “good” work mirrors colonial structures, entrenches patterns of inequity, but he brings to the work an alternative, and one grounded in the native traditions of his own community, the Lumbee Tribe. Let's look together at what he has to say – in critique and in offering an alternative.

New UU: A 2-Session series for Visitors and Newcomers - Wednesdays, March 30 and April 6

A 2-Session series for Visitors and Newcomers Led by Rev. Alyson Jacks, Rev. Vanessa Southern

This interactive class will introduce you to Unitarian Universalism and our congregation. Register at bit.ly/newuuspring22

Session 1: Roots and Wings: History, Theology, Principles and Purposes: 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 explore some of our history, theology, our principles and purposes.

Session 2: Community, Connection and Commitment: In session 2, we'll make time to share our own spiritual journeys as a way to build connection and understanding. We'll learn about the many programs and activities in our community that are open to all. And finally, we'll talk about rights, roles and responsibilities of membership at First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco.

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.

Paganism 101 A Unitarian Exploration of the New Paganism

4th Sundays at 1 pm PST / 4 pm EST on Zoom - Series of 9 monthly classes - Register at bit.ly/paganism101class

This course introduces the practices, beliefs, and history of Modern Pagan spirituality. Participants in this class will create and maintain a student altar as we explore basic altar set up and ritual tools, the wheel of the year, deity, the four elements, and more. We also touch on different pagan paths and examine how modern paganism fits with Unitarian Universalist principles. Class is FREE. \$5 per class donation welcome but not required.



Sunday Virtual Coffee Hour 12:15 pm 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

Join Us - San Francisco Peace In Ukraine Rally on Sunday, March 6, 1 to 3pm @ SF Ferry Building

Global Day of Action: Join CODEPINK and friends in San Francisco to say "Stop the War in Ukraine. Russian Troops Out. No to NATO expansion". Help hold banners and posters, distribute informational flyers, and speak out for peace! Where: San Francisco Ferry Building, along Embarcadero, SF 94111. More info at peaceinukraine.org/cp/san_francisco_ca_usa

Journey To Wholeness: Educating Ourselves Through the Arts: Today from 1 - 1:30 pm

If we are serious about dismantling structural racism, we have a lot to learn. Our principles already call upon us to support one another in spiritual growth. One way to begin is by shared exploration of the cultural riches given to us by peoples of the world majority. Join us Sunday, March 6, 1:00-1:30 pm Ferry Building's South Plaza, Salsa dance lesson led by Susana Arenas Pedroso of Arenas Dance Company for Dance Mission Theater. No charge and no partner necessary, just come and enjoy. Questions? racialjustice.info@uusf.org

Picnic, Walk, and Pledge with Rev. John Buehrens: Saturday, March 12 at 12:00 pm

John will be leading a picnic and walk through the Presidio! This event is in honor of the Annual Operating Fund Pledge Drive, but you're welcome to come regardless of whether or not you've gotten in your pledge already. Please bring a bag lunch -- we'll start at the picnic area in Mountain Lake Park (Lake St & 14th Ave) at noon. Then we'll go on a walk through the forest together. We'll make sure to go at a pace that everyone in the group is comfortable with, and children are welcome. Please send John an email at jbuehrens@comcast.net to RSVP.

Interfaith Food Pantry Needs Volunteers! Website: uusf.org/foodpantry Sign-Up at bit.ly/foodpantryuusf

UUSF is one member of the Interfaith consortium, and on Saturday, March 12, it is our turn to lead and staff the pantry. Volunteers work 7:30 to 11 am, loading in the groceries received from the Food Bank, assembling grocery bags, and taking the bags outdoors to distribute to participants. In these times of uncertainty and social distancing, it is uplifting to work alongside each other in love and service to our community. If you have questions, contact Megan Lehmer at mlehmer@drlehmer.com or 415-385-0408.

Council of Committee Chairs Meeting: Sunday, March 13 at 12:30 pm

Save the Date, our bi-annual Council of Committee Chairs meeting. More details are coming soon, but all group and committee leaders are requested to attend, or send someone in their place. The event will either be online only or possibly hybrid, TBD.

Human Rights Working Group & Forum will present the second in the Dangerous Truths series: "The 1619 Project -Its Significance for Today" - Sunday, March 27 at 1:00 pm

Nikole Hannah-Jones was awarded the 2020 Pulitzer Prize for Commentary for The 1619 Project which appeared in the New York Times Magazine. Dr. James Taylor, Professor of Political Science and African American and Critical Diversity Studies at the University of San Francisco, will speak on aspects of this important work and our changing views of history. Info: www.uusf.org/hrwg

Call for artwork for spring art show "Origami for Peace": What Does Peace Mean To You?

Send your written thoughts on a 3 by 5 inch card to: Peace for the World, P. O. Box 15371, 1849 Geary Blvd. San Francisco, CA 94115. Andrei Glase is preparing Children's Multicultural Museum's art exhibit "Origami for Peace" which opens this spring. Your written thoughts could share the Kings Galleries with the children's origami peacedoves and their thoughts about what peace means. You too can include a colorful origami peacedove to be added to our display. And do not forget to sign your work!



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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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