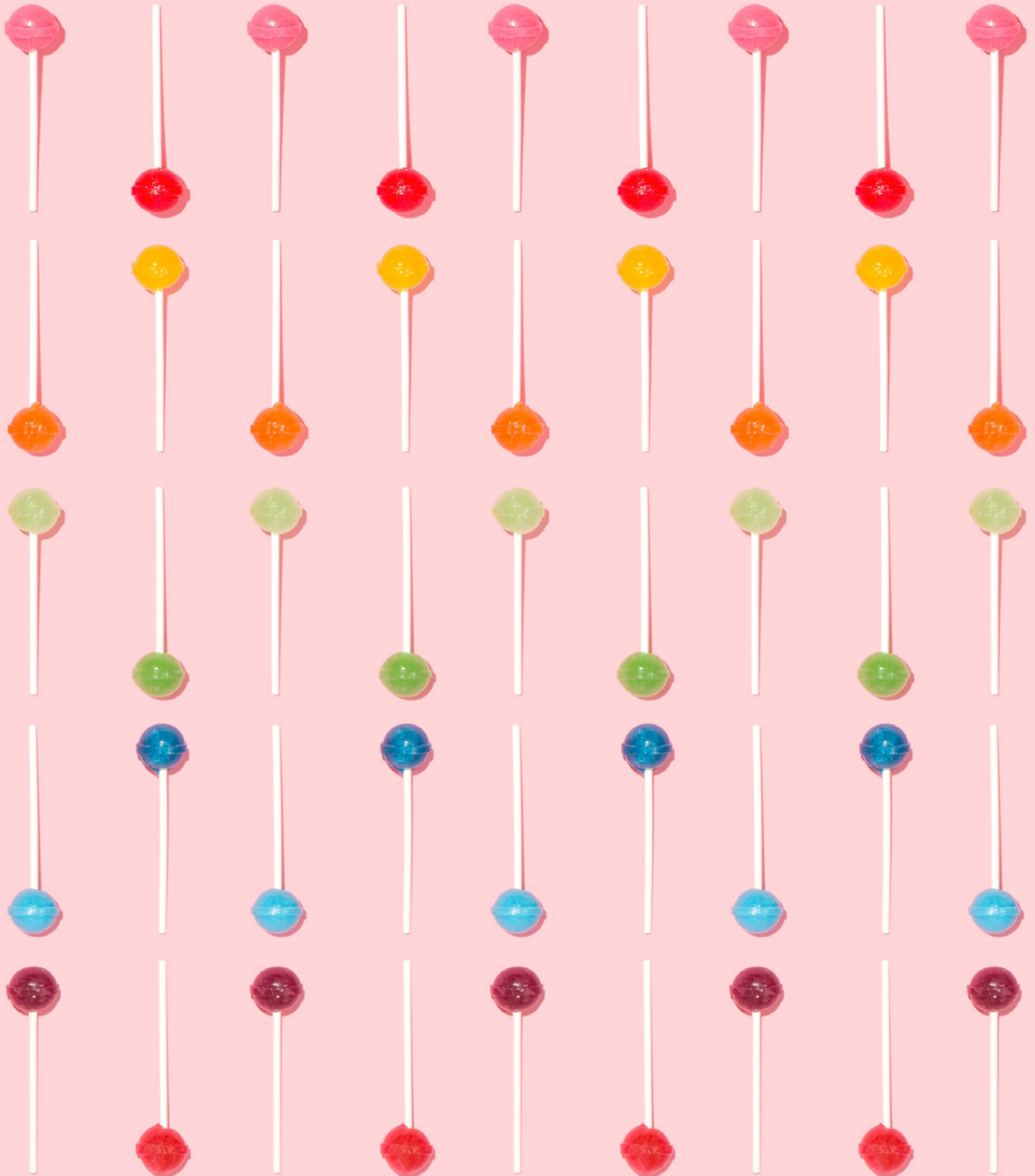
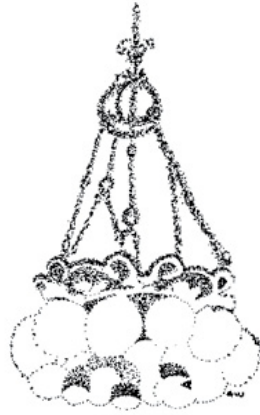


“What I want for Christmas?”



Sunday, December 11, 10:50 AM, 2022
First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco



Order of Service
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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 coffee hour in the Courtyard
or online on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month (<https://bit.ly/coffeeuu>)
Please be mindful of social distance and wear your mask when you are not eating or drinking.

Prelude

Here's That Rainy Day

Jimmy Van Heusen & Johnny Burke, 1953
Larry Chinn, pianist

Opening Words and Welcome

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister

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.

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Brief Invitations

Sam King, Worship Associate

Greeting One Another

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.

Music *The Winter Song*

Lee Hoiby
Laurel Sprigg, soprano; Larry Chinn, pianist

Reflection

Sam King

Offering

Our offering this morning will go to support the work of **Society for Community Work (SCW) Community Grants Committee**. In keeping with our mission, SCW gives grants to organizations in the community who provide services in keeping with our values. They seek to provide funding to organizations addressing several categories of issues, such as services for women and children, disability and aging issues, homeless services, support for high school students reaching towards college education, prison rehabilitation, and ecology (<https://www.uusf.org/scwcommunitygrants>). To make a donation on Vanco (bit.ly/uusfpayments) or using the Donate Button (below) & on our website, please scroll down alphabetically and select the “SCW Community Grants” choice to make your gift. If you are sending a check, make it payable to UUSF, and please write on the memo the service date (i.e. 12/11/22) and SCW Community Grants.



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Music *Come Rain or Come Shine*

Harold Arlen & Johnny Mercer, 1946
Larry Chinn, pianist

Reading

Times of Spoken and Silent Meditation

Music *Over the Rainbow*

Harold Arlen & Yip Harburg, 1939
Larry Chinn, pianist

Sermon “What I want for Christmas?”

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

*Hymn 121

We’ll Build a Land

CREATION OF PEACE

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*Benediction

Postlude *On a Clear Day*

Burton Lane & Alan Jay Lerner, 1965
Larry Chinn, pianist

*Please rise in body or spirit.



PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leaders

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister
Sam King, Worship Associate

Sunday Support

Shulee Ong; Eric Shackelford;
Jackson Munn, Cameras
Jonathan Silk, Communications Director
Joe Chapot, Live Chat Moderator
Thomas Brown, Sexton
DeAndre Smith, Sexton
Carrie Steere-Salazar, Flowers
Linda Messner, Head Usher

Musicians

Larry Chinn, Pianist
Laurel Sprigg, Soprano
Ben Rudiak-Gould, Songleader

ABOUT

For almost 3 decades, **Larry Chinn** has played jazz piano in the bay area. Besides working with Margie Baker, Jules Broussard, and Al Molina, Larry has also worked with Branford Marsalis, Frank Wess, John Handy, Pharoah Saunders, Mark Murphy, Marcus Shelby, Tiffany Austin, Kellye Gray, Madeline Eastman, and Richie Cole in locales ranging from neighborhood pubs to luxury hotels and premier jazz venues like Yoshi's, Pearl's, and the Monterey Jazz Festival. During his time at Berklee College of Music and Pomona College, Larry studied with Bobby Bradford and Mark Levine for a short period of time. Find out more at <http://www.larrychinn.com>

57 All Beautiful the March of Days

$\text{♩} = 120$

1. All beau - ti - ful the march of days, as
 2. O'er white ex - pans - es spar - kling clear the
 3. O Thou from whose un - fath - omed law the

sea - sons come and go; the hand that shaped the
 ra - dant morns un - fold; the sol - emn splen - dors
 year in beau - ty flows, thy self the vi - sion

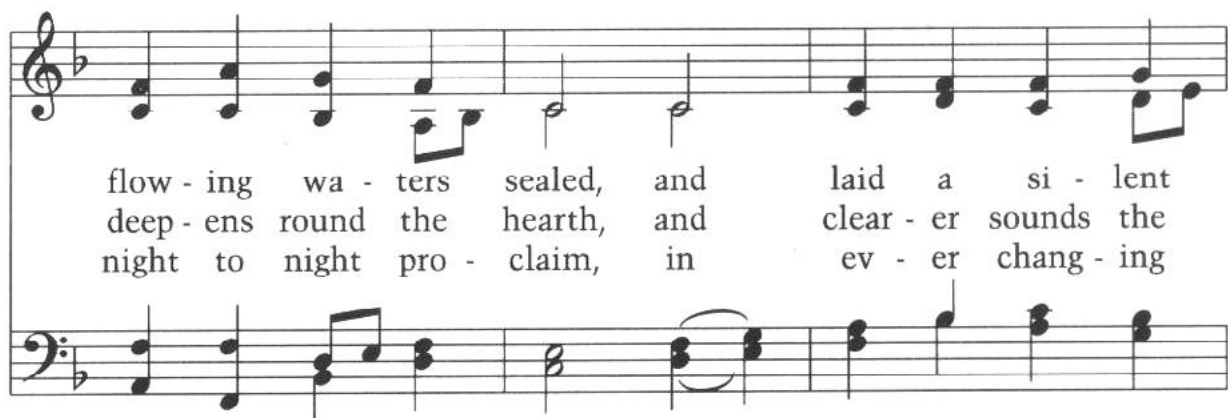
rose hath wrought the crys - tal of the snow; hath
 of the night burn bright - er through the cold; life
 pass - ing by in crys - tal and in rose. Day

sent the hoar - y frost of heaven, the
 mounts in ev - ery throb - bing vein, the love
 un - to day doth ut - ter speech, and

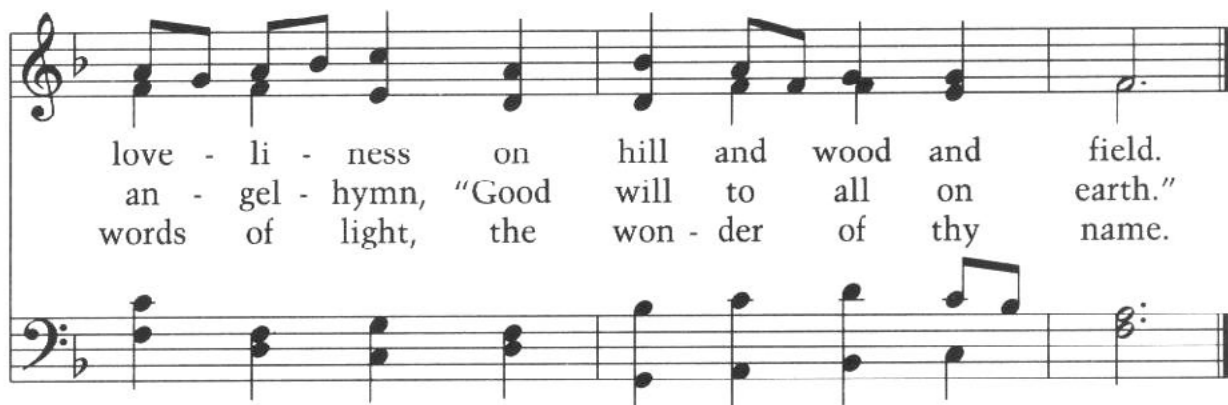
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FOREST GREEN
 C.M.D.

W I N T E R



flow - ing wa - ters sealed, and laid a si - lent
 deep - ens round the hearth, and clear - er sounds the
 night to night pro - claim, in ev - er chang - ing



love - li - ness on hill and wood and field.
 an - gel - hymn, "Good will to all on earth."
 words of light, the won - der of thy name.



We'll Build a Land

$\text{♩} = 120$

1. We'll build a land where we bind up the bro - ken.
 2. We'll build a land where we bring the good tid - ings to
 3. We'll be a land build - ing up an - cient cit - ies,
 4. Come, build a land where the man - tles of prais - es re -

We'll build a land where the cap - tives go free, where the
 all the af - flict - ed and all those who mourn. And we'll
 rais - ing up dev - as - ta - tions from old; re -
 sound from spir - its once faint and once weak; where like

oil of glad - ness dis - solves all mourn - ing. Oh,
 give them gar - lands in - stead of ash - es. Oh,
 stor - ing ru - ins of gen - er - a - tions. Oh,
 oaks of right - eous - ness stand her peo - ple. Oh,

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CREATION OF PEACE
 11.10.11.10. with refrain

COMMITMENT AND ACTION

we'll build a prom - ised land that can be.
 we'll build a land where peace is born.
 we'll build a land of peo - ple, so bold.
 come build the land, my peo - ple we seek.

Come build a land where sis - ters and broth - ers, a - noint - ed by

God, may then cre - ate peace: where jus - tice shall roll

down like wa - ters, and peace like an ev - er flow - ing stream.

COMMITMENT AND ACTION

Today

Forum: How Factory Farming Endangers Our Future with Wayne Hsiung - Dec. 11, 9:00 am TSK/Online

Animal rights activist Wayne Hsiung is an attorney, former faculty member at Northwestern School of Law, and co-founder of the Simple Heart Initiative. His work documenting disease and animal abuse at factory farms has been covered by The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, and The New York Times. He recently faced trial on felony charges related to an investigation and piglet rescue at the largest pig farm in the nation, and was acquitted by a Utah jury on October 8, 2022, a victory for the "right to rescue." Wayne blogs and hosts a podcast at simpleheart.substack.com. Forum: <https://www.uusf.org/forum> Zoom: <http://bit.ly/3VkpSxt>

Angel Child Present Turn-In Today!

Presents can be turned in at the Angel Child Table both before and after church today. If you have forgotten to bring your present with you, please stop by the table to make other arrangements for getting it in today since the presents will be distributed to the families tomorrow. Our thanks to all of the church members who signed up to provide a specific present for a child whose family has little or no money to purchase holiday presents with and to the Bay Area Women and Children's Center for organizing this program!

Newcomer Orientation - Sunday, December 11 at 12:30 pm in the Fireside Room

Interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism? Join us today after the service in the Fireside Room to meet some of our members and learn more about our congregation and Unitarian Universalism in the community. Questions? Email info@uusf.org

Our Right To Celebrate With Love! - Dec. 11, 12:30 pm TSK Room/Online

All are invited to join our Human Rights Working Group for a special lunch to hear about our activities this year - our successes, our trials and tribulations, - and our plans for 2023! We would love to answer questions about our efforts, and welcome suggestions from newcomers and oldcomers alike. We look forward to seeing you. RSVP if you can at humanrights@uusf.org. Our unique plant-based lunch, courtesy of animal rights activist Dean Guzman-Wyrzykowski, will be environmentally-friendly and healthy! Menu to be announced soon. Natural wine from the vine will also be available.

Young Adult Lunch Outing - Sunday, December 11, 12:30 @ UUSF

Join fellow young adults for our monthly lunch outing. We will gather after Sunday worship service, pick a place to eat, and then walk over there. So come enjoy the morning service and then join Maddy, Joe, old and new friends for a meal. This is a great opportunity to meet people in our community, whether you are brand new to UUism or a life-long member. We recommend bringing small bills or be prepared to use a money transfer service of your choice.

Check These Out!

Small Group Ministry is back and ready for sign-ups - Register at <https://bit.ly/sgm2023>

This program meets twice a month in small groups either online or in person at UUSF. Groups take time to check in, then reflect on a theme. The groups are facilitated by trained facilitators. To learn more and sign up, please follow the registration link below. If you have questions about the program, then please contact Rev. Laura at lshennum@uusf.org

New UU! Next Sessions TBA, 2023 - Reminder Form <https://bit.ly/newuu2023>

Join our new Minister for Congregational Life, Rev. Laura Shennum, for our New UU class! Held in-person and online at UUSF after worship, this interactive class will introduce you to Unitarian Universalism and our congregation. Registration will open in 2023; complete our New UU Reminder form to get updates and access to an exclusive

Upcoming Services and Events

THE VIGIL

Annual Homeless Persons Memorial



Join people of all faiths, or no faith, to remember those who have died this year while living on San Francisco streets. In silence, in prayer, in song we'll remember them, honor them, mourn our loss, reach out to each other for comfort and hope, and show our solidarity in working for change.



Thursday, December 15, 2022 at 5:30 PM

Civic Center Plaza (Polk Street Side)
San Francisco

Vigil will also be livestreamed at:

www.facebook.com/sanfranciscosnightministry/live/

(Please bring your battery-operated candles – no wax candles please)!

It's YULE! Deck the Halls and Let's Be Jolly! - December 17, TSK Toom

The Pagan Interest Circle (PICT) hosts a Yule Ritual and Holiday potluck party! Please join us in Ritual, Celebration and (pagan) Song on **Saturday, December 17 at 7:00pm in-person in the TSK Room**. The Earth's axial tilt is the farthest away from the sun and, for one moment, during the shortest day and the longest winter's night, the sun appears to "stand still." We hold our collective breath. Then, the Pagan Moon Goddess gives birth to the Sun God. The Wheel of the Year turns again.

"Annual Hanging of the Greens Service"

Sunday, December 18, 10:50 am, Worship Service Livestream

We will gather as a full community to build connection through the ritual of creating the greens for our sanctuary. In honor of the sacredness of each person born, we will create stars that highlight each of us that are present. Join us for a lovely tradition of joy and merriment.

"Christmas Eve Candlelight Service"

Please join us for carols and candlelight and an invitation for the spirit of the season to take hold of us on Saturday, December 24 at 4:45 pm in the Sanctuary or online.

Poinsettia Dedications: Each year we thrill to an abundance of red poinsettias dedicated in honor or in memory of special loved ones. Please begin making your \$25 Poinsettia donations for 2022. You may pay by check, and if there is a dedication name note it on the memo line. Alternatively, you may pay via uusf.org payment donate button (bit.ly/uusfpayments), but select Sunday Flowers/ Poinsettias line. You input the dedication online, but it is suggested you also email it to jsilk@uusf.org by Tuesday, December 20.

"Grateful & Going Forward Joyfully" (ONLINE-ONLY)

Christmas Day Virtual Service on Sunday, December 25, 11:00 am

Christmas Day will be a day for gratitude and joy as six Bay Area UU churches come together to create a **virtual** service. You can snuggle up in your favorite pjs and a warm beverage to reflect on blessings from this year and how they will carry you forward into the new year joyfully. Senior Minister Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern will host a **virtual** coffee hour after the service.

There will be a link to this **online-only** service on our website and in an upcoming Flame!



"Oh, Family"

Sunday, December 4, 10:50 AM, 2022

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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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