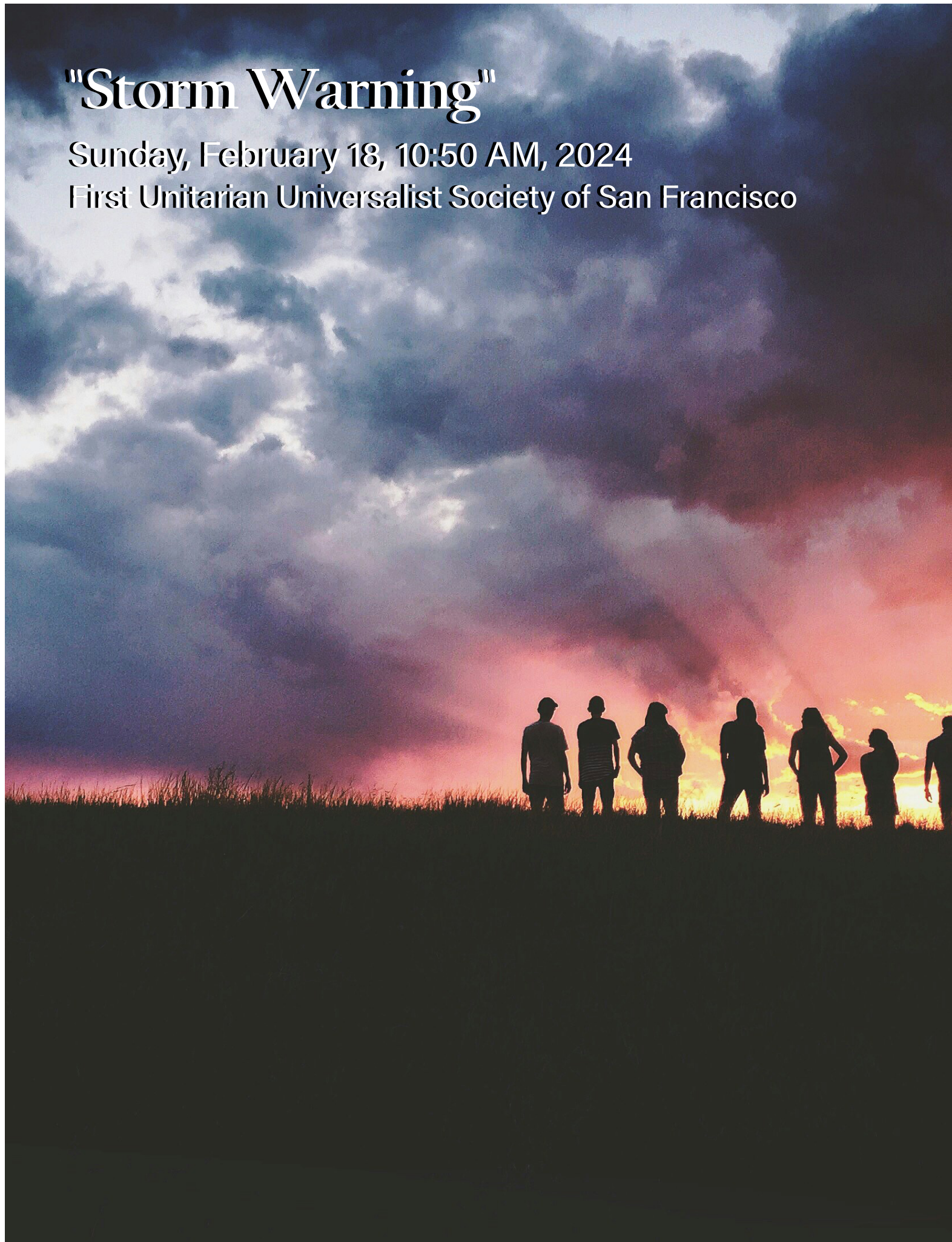


"Storm Warning"

Sunday, February 18, 10:50 AM, 2024

First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco





Order of Service
Sunday February 18, 2024
10:50 AM - 12:15 PM

Livestreamed at bit.ly/uusfmedia

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A Guide for Newcomers! - What to Expect During Worship (read at <https://bit.ly/newcomersguide-uusf>)

Welcome to Worship!

UUSF no longer requires masks indoors on our premises,
following the lead of the San Francisco Department of Health.

We do, however, strongly recommend people to wear masks
or do anything else that protects and respects their own health and comfort.
There is a designated mask-only area on the far right side of the Sanctuary.

Prelude Intermezzo in G

Sky Evergreen
Wm. Garcia Ganz, pianist

Opening Words and Welcome

Rev. Sonya Sukalski, Sabbatical Minister

Unison Chalice Lighting

Mari Magaloni Ramos, Worship Associate

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, Vice Moderator

Greeting One Another

Story for All Ages "Storm Experience"

Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of Congregational Life

Unison Covenant

Rev. Sonya Sukalski

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.

Reflection

Mari Magaloni Ramos

Music *Seeds Grow to Plants*

John Rutter
Morgen Warner, Maggie McGrann, soloists; UUSF Choir,
Mark Sumner, director; Wm. Garcia Ganz, pianist

Time of Prayer/Meditation

**Children/youth exit to classes during doxology.

Offering

Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt

Today's offering will go toward **Starr King School for the Ministry**. Starr King School educates people for UU ministry and for progressive religious leadership in society. Its approach to the study of theology is inspired by Unitarian Universalism's liberal religious values. It is dedicated to providing student-centered, multi-religious, counter-oppressive graduate education that cultivates multi-religious life and learning, and creates just and sustainable communities. More info at <https://www.sksm.edu/>. To make a donation on Vanco (bit.ly/uusfpayments), using the Donate Button on our website, or by scanning the QR code below, please select the line for either Sunday Plate Offering or Special Sunday Offerings. The designation is important to ensure your gift gets applied correctly. If you are sending a check, please mark in the memo today's date, 02-18-24, "Sunday Plate"



Offertory

Better Be a Seed

Ryan Main

Morgen Warner, Maggie McGrann, soloists; UUSF Choir,
Mark Sumner, director; Wm. Garcia Ganz, pianist

Sermon

Storm Warning

Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt

*Hymn 119

Once to Every Soul and Nation

EBENEZER

[\(CLICK HERE OR TURN TO PAGES 8 & 9 TO VIEW HYMN\)](#)

*Benediction

Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt

Postlude

Shine the Light

Raymond Wise

Nancy Munn, Morgen Warner, Akane Ota, Ben Rudiak-Gould, Andrew Kessler, soloists

*Please rise in body or spirit.

PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leaders

Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt, Guest Minister
Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of Congregational Life
Rev. Sonya Sukalski, Sabbatical Minister
Mari Magaloni Ramos, Worship Associate
Sam King, Vice Moderator

Sunday Support

Shulee Ong, Camera; Eric Shackelford, Camera; Jackson Munn, Camera
Alex Schofield, Sound
Jonathan Silk, Order of Service
Thomas Brown, Jose Matias Pineda, Francisco Castellanos, Sextons
Amy Kelly, Flowers
Linda Messner, Head Usher

Musicians

UUSF Choir
Mark Sumner, Music Director
Nancy Munn, Soloist
Morgen Warner, Soloist
Akane Ota, Soloist
Ben Rudiak-Gould, Soloist
Andrew Kessler, Soloist
Maggie McGrann, Soloist
Wm. García Ganz, Pianist

ABOUT

The Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt is in her 10th year of service as President of Starr King School for the Ministry, a Unitarian Universalist and multireligious seminary in Oakland CA, where she lives with her husband, Bob, and her sons Allen and Daniel. She is most recently the recipient of the 2023 Award for Distinguished Service to the Cause of Unitarian Universalism.

SOWING SEEDS TOGETHER

Please join President **Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt** following this service at 12:30 pm in the Chapel for refreshments, conversation, and the preview of Starr King's new campaign video. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

$\text{♩} = 76$

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

⊕ Words: Bruce Findlow, 1922-
Music: Patrick L. Rickey, 1964- , © 1992 Unitarian Universalist Association

SHERMAN ISLAND
6.6.6.6.6.6.

LOVE AND COMPASSION

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

1.-3.
 make our own days glad.
 all that is our life.
 all that is our life.
 make our own days

4.
 glad.

LOVE AND COMPASSION

Once to Every Soul and Nation

$\text{♩} = 104$

1. Once to ev-ery soul and na-tion comes the mo-ment
2. Though the cause of e - vil pros-per, yet 'tis truth a -

to de-cide, in the strife of truth with false-hood,
lone is strong; though its por-tion be the scaf-fold,

for the good or e - vil side: then to stand with
and up - on the throne be wrong. Then it is the

truth is no - ble, when we share its wretch-ed crust;
brave one choos-es, while the cow - ard stands a - side,

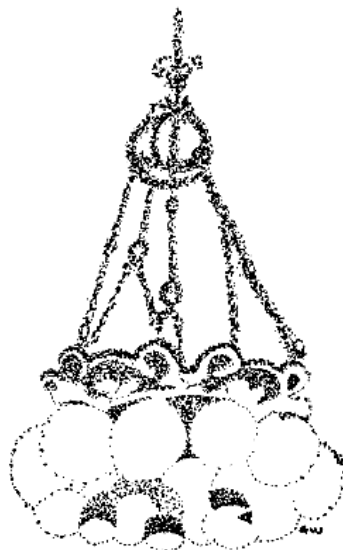
⊕ Words: James Russell Lowell, 1819-1891
Music: Thomas John Williams, 1869-1944

EBENEZER
8.7.8.7.D.

COMMITMENT AND ACTION

ere that cause bring fame and prof - it,
till the mul - ti - tude make vir - tue

and 'tis pros - perous to be just.
of the faith they have de - nied.



TODAY!

Forum, February 18 at 9 am (Breakfast). 9:30 am (event begins): San Francisco's Advisory Committee on African American Reparations - www.uusf.org/forum

Professor James Taylor will speak on the work of San Francisco's African American Reparations Advisory Committee, which advises the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, the Human Rights Commission, and the public on the development of a San Francisco Reparations Plan. The plan will highlight ways that City policies have harmed Black lives. It will also include specific actions to address discrimination and inequities in areas like housing, education, transit access, and food security. The Committee is composed of 15 appointed members who work across several subcommittees. Professor James Taylor is a nationally recognized and highly sought-after race and political expert. He is a full-time professor of Political Science at the University of San Francisco. He has published articles on subjects such as Father Divine's International Peace Mission Movement, Dr. Martin Luther King, and Black Nationalism. Author of the book "Black Nationalism in The United States: From Malcom X to Barack Obama" and is currently writing a book on the People's Temple. This is an in-person only event.

Sunday, February 18, 12:30 pm, Chapel - Sowing Seeds Together Reception

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HAPPENINGS

UUSF is currently hosting the Interfaith Winter Shelter now thru March 4!

A partnership among San Francisco Interfaith Council, the SF Department of Homeless Services, and Episcopal Community Services, the IWS operates in different area churches during the coldest, wettest months of the year, providing shelter and meals to homeless men and women each night. We are looking for volunteers to help cook and serve breakfast Monday through Friday and folks who can help cook and serve dinner on six designated nights. We will also need volunteers to help with food procurement and with evening hosting. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, follow this link to sign up, or you can contact Gordon Sharafinski at gsharaf@gmail.com, who will be coordinating volunteers, or Hanna Hart at hanna@harts.net. The shelter is always a favorite opportunity to make a difference!



Sign up at <https://bit.ly/UUSFIWS24>

Cathy Lyon Memorial Service - Saturday, February 24, 12:00 pm, Sanctuary/Livestream

A memorial service is scheduled for Catherine Lyon, a long-time active UUSF member who passed away on December 18, 2023, at UCSF Hospital. Cathy was very active with the Society for Community Work, often serving as secretary and chair of the Sponsorship and Scholarship Committees. She was active with the End Zone group as well as the Minister's Book Club until her death. Pre-Covid, Cathy volunteered as the church receptionist. You are invited to a service celebrating Cathy's life on February 24th at 12:00 pm in the Sanctuary and online, with reception to follow.



Livestream: <https://bit.ly/CathyLyon>

Forum, Feb. 25 at 9 am (Breakfast). 9:30 am (event begins): Police DeMilitarization Now! - www.uusf.org/forum

What does police militarization look like in San Francisco and across California? Who does it impact? How do we change it? The American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) has been supporting communities across California in advocating for police demilitarization, with the help of a new state law that is bringing to light the extent of militarized policing in our cities. Learn about this new law and its impacts across California; take a closer look at San Francisco's police militarization; and learn what you can do to confront state violence in our communities. John Lindsay-Poland co-directs the California Healing Justice Program of the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) in Oakland, California, and coordinates the Stop U.S. Arms to Mexico Project of Global Exchange. He has written about, researched, and advocated for human rights and the demilitarization of US policy for 40 years.

HAPPENINGS

Screening of "Also Happening: Violence and Oppression in the West Bank" - Sunday, Feb. 25, 12:30 pm, TSK Room

The Human Rights Working Group and the UU Justice in the Middle East committee will be screening "Also Happening: Violence and Oppression in the West Bank" on Sunday, February 25th, at 12:30 p.m. in the TSK Room. It is the latest in the Voices from the Holy Land film series. Food will be available. A compassionate discussion will follow the screening.

International Women's Day 2024, The United Nations & Women's International League for Peace and Freedom!

Sunday Forum and UUSF Women's Rights Group with Barbara L. Nielsen. Sunday, March 3, 9:30 am, TSK Room. A light breakfast will be offered at 9:00 am. Barbara L. Nielsen, a San Franciscan, has been actively involved in women's and peace matters at the United Nations, primarily through her membership in the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF).

Article II Conversation with Rev. Cheryl Walker - Saturday, March 16, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, Sanctuary/Livestream

Join us for a presentation of the changes proposed to the UUA Bylaws in section Article II, which impact the principles and purposes. This event will be also livestreamed on our UUSF YouTube media channel.

Broadway Sing Along Returns! - Saturday, March 16, 5:30 pm, TSK Room

Broadway Sing Along event returns, reimagined using electronic song scores and online ticket reservation. Enjoy a delicious catered dinner and sing as a soloist or part of a chorus of singers. Tickets for the March 16 event are \$30.00 and can be purchased at <https://www.bit.ly/uusfpayments> or scan the QR code or in-person in the gallery after church. Select Events: UUSF-sponsored/Music & Entertainment from the list of options and pay electronically. Questions? Carrie Steere-Salazar at Carriess@sbcglobal.net



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

LOVE AND DEATH - The Christian Scriptures for Skeptics, Seekers, and Religious Liberals

A Six-Week Online Course with Rev. John Buehrens. Monday Evenings, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, February 19 to March 25. This is quite unlike a traditional class in an orthodox Christian church during the season of Lent. Yet in 2024, Ash Wednesday, the start of that season, happens to fall on St. Valentine's Day, February 14. So perhaps we should ponder again a key assertion of the Christian mythos: Love Transcending Death. The final session is on Monday after Palm Sunday, starting what Christian tradition calls Holy Week. Each live session on Zoom will consist of three thirty-minute segments. The first will take up a key theme in the Christian scriptures, beginning with the meaning of the "Kingdom (or Commonwealth) of God" and the relationship between Jesus, John the Baptist, and the origins of the forty-day practice of Lent. The first key text will be the oldest and shortest of the gospel traditions, according to Mark. Participants will be encouraged (but not required) to read previous commentary by Rev. Buehrens in his book, *Understanding the Bible: An Introduction for Skeptics, Seekers, and Religious Liberals* (Beacon, 2004). Available through the UUA Bookstore, Beacon, Amazon, Thrift Books. Register at <https://bit.ly/loveanddeathuu24>

Minister's Book Group, led by special guest host Asani Seawell

Asani Seawell, a member of the UUSF, is going to lead the book group in February while Rev. Vanessa is on sabbatical. Asani has picked *How We Fight for Our Lives: A Memoir* by Saeed Jones for February. Asani Seawell (she/her/hers) lives in Portland, OR, and has been a member of UUSF since January 2023. A lifelong lover of books, she spent her high school and college years as a library assistant and almost chose a career in library sciences before pursuing her degrees in psychology.

How We Fight for Our Lives: A Memoir by Saeed Jones - Wednesday, February 28, 6:30 pm, Zoom

Haunted and haunting, *How We Fight for Our Lives* is a stunning coming-of-age memoir. Jones tells the story of a young, black, gay man from the South as he fights to carve out a place for himself within his family, within his country, and within his own hopes, desires, and fears. Through a series of vignettes that chart a course across the American landscape, Jones draws readers into his boyhood and adolescence—into tumultuous relationships with his family and into passing flings with lovers, friends, and strangers. Each piece builds into a larger examination of race and queerness, power and vulnerability, love and grief: a portrait of what we all do for one another—and to one another—as we fight to become ourselves.

This session will be on Zoom only, and more information can be found below and to register go to <https://bit.ly/mbg1232024>

Questions? Email Alicia Cover at acover@uusf.org.

Welcome to the First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco

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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.

CONGREGATIONAL COVENANT (under construction)

In an effort to make the world a better place, we support each other's journey to seek truth with openness, curiosity and respect for different perspectives and paths.

As love is our spirit, we commit to respect, accept, listen to and support each other.

We hold ourselves and each other accountable by continually assessing our individual and community actions toward living into our covenant. This will include speaking up when someone's actions are not aligned.

We commit to be in community with openness and loving kindness, acknowledging our own biases and differing perspectives.

UUSF MEDIA

View our videos <http://www.youtube.com/c/UUSFMedia>

Check out our Podcasts <https://www.uusf.org/worship-archives>

Go to our website at <https://www.uusf.org/>



**"The Dragon's Might:
A Lunar New Year Celebration"**
Sunday, February 11, 10:50 am, 2024

WATCH LAST WEEKS SERVICE: <https://bit.ly/UUSFServices>