

"What Will You Save?"

Sunday, February 25, 10:50 AM, 2024

First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco





Order of Service
Sunday February 25, 2024
10:50 AM - 12:15 PM

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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	Selections from the Solo Suites	Johann Sebastian Bach Andrés Vera, cellist
Opening Words and Welcome		Rev. Sonya Sukalski, Sabbatical Minister
Unison Chalice Lighting		Carmen Barsody, 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.

*Hymn 126

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

Andy Kessler, songleader; Mark Sumner, pianist

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Greeting One Another

Story for All Ages "The Best Meal" by Nina Jaffe Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of Congregational

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

Carmen Barsody

Music *Misty*

Erroll Garner
Andrés Vera, cellist

Time of Prayer/Meditation

Carmen Barsody

**Children/youth exit to classes during doxology.

Offering

Dr. Josie Lehrer

Today’s offering will be given through the non-profit **Fractured Atlas** to support the work of the **Men's Story Project (MSP)**. Founded in San Francisco in 2008, the Men's Story Project creates powerful live storytelling events, films, and social media in which diverse men and non-binary folks share bold, personal stories that take a stand for healthy masculinities, violence prevention, and gender and social justice. The MSP has helped to foster community, healing, inspiration, and transformation for hundreds of storytellers and thousands of audience members over time (in the U.S., Chile, Gaza Strip, and West Bank so far) and is ready and eager to grow as an international initiative for health and justice. Your donations can help this happen. Thank you! www.mensstoryproject.org. 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, 02-25-24, "Sunday Plate"



Offertory

Allegro

Friedrich Dotzauer
Andrés Vera, cellist

Sermon

What Will You Save?

Rev. Sonya Sukalski

*Hymn 187

Sounds Along the Ages

FAR OFF LANDS

Andy Kessler, songleader; Mark Sumner, pianist

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

*Benediction

Rev. Sonya Sukalski

Postlude

Caprice #7

Carlo Alfredo Piatti
Andrés Vera, cellist

*Please rise in body or spirit.



PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leaders

Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of Congregational Life

Rev. Sonya Sukalski, Sabbatical Minister

Carmen Barsody, Worship Associate

Galen Workman, Board of Trustees

Dr. Josie Lehrer, Men's Story Project

Sunday Support

Shulee Ong, Camera; Eric Shackelford, Camera; Jackson Munn, Camera

Jonathan Silk, Communications Director

Thomas Brown, Jose Matias Pineda, Francisco Castellanos, Sextons

Amy Kelly, Flowers

Linda Messner, Head Usher

Musicians

Andrés Vera, Cellist

Mark Sumner, Pianist

Andy Kessler, Songleader

ABOUT



Andrés Vera is a San Francisco-based artist, musician, producer, and community-building professional. He began his career in 2006 with the Miami Symphony Orchestra and earned a Master's Degree in Music Performance from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. Vera founded the Cello Street Quartet and later joined Quartet San Francisco, a Grammy-nominated cross-over ensemble. In 2019, he served as the advancement associate of the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus and as an administrative assistant at the Wiki Education Foundation. In 2020, he established Least Common Productions, a record label and production house, with composer and singer Adam Brett Ward. Andrés also maintains a private music lesson studio and teaches high school students stringed instrument playing.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

$\text{♩} = 88$

1. Come, thou fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune our hearts to sing thy
2. Come, thou fount of ev-'ry vis-ion, lift our eyes to what may
3. Come, thou fount of in-spi-ra-tion, turn our lives to high-er

grace. Streams of mer-cy nev-er ceas-ing, call for
come. See the li-on and the young lamb dwell to-
ways. Lift our gloom and des-per-a-tion, show the

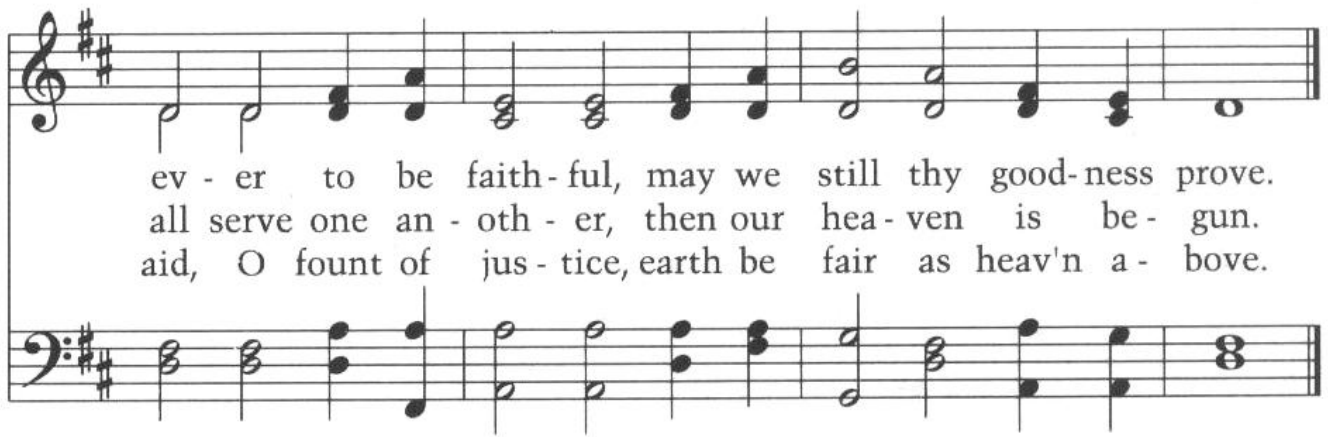
songs of loud-est praise. While the hope of life's per-
geth-er in thy home. Hear the cries of war fall
prom-ise of this day. Help us bind our-selves in

fec-tion fills our hearts with joy and love, teach us
si-lent, feel our love glow like the sun. When we
un-ion, help our hands tell of our love. With thine

Words: v. 1, Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, adapt.,
⊕ vs. 2–3, Eugene B. Navias, 1928–
Music: John Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music. Part II*, 1813

NETTLETON
8.7.8.7.D.

LOVE AND COMPASSION



ev - er to be faith - ful, may we still thy good - ness prove.
all serve one an - oth - er, then our hea - ven is be - gun.
aid, O fount of jus - tice, earth be fair as heav'n a - bove.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written between the two staves. The treble staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.



187 It Sounds Along the Ages

$\text{♩} = 116$

1. It sounds a - long the a - ges, soul an - swer - ing to
 2. From Si - nai's cliffs it ech - oed, it breathed from Bud - dha's
 3. It calls— and lo, new jus - tice! It speaks— and lo, new

soul; it kin - dles on the pag - es of
 tree, it charmed in Ath - ens' mar - ket, it
 truth! In ev - er no - bler stat - ure and

ev - ery Bi - ble scroll; the psalm - ist heard and
 hal - lowed Gal - i - lee; the ham - mer stroke of
 un - ex - haust - ed youth. For - ev - er on re -

sang it, from mar - tyr lips it broke, and
 Lu - ther, the Pil - grims' sea - side prayer, the
 sound - ing, and know - ing nought of time, our

⊕ Words: William Channing Gannett, 1840-1923
 Music: Melody of the Bohemian Brethren, *Hemlandssånger*, Rock Island,
 Illinois, 1892, arr.

FAR OFF LANDS
 7.6.7.6.D.



proph-et tongues out - rang it till sleep-ing na-tions woke.
or - a - cles of Con-cord one ho - ly word de - clare.
laws but catch the mu - sic of its e - ter - nal chime.

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TODAY!

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. The forum will be conducted in person and will be made available on UUSF's YouTube channel later.

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.

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. 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> or scan the QR code.



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).

Monthly Parent/Guardian Group - 1st Sundays during worship (Sun, March 3)

Facilitated by Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of Congregational Life. Parents and guardians gather on the first Sunday after the doxology in the Fahs room to check in about our roses/thorns and offer each other support as well as resources. If you have any questions, contact Rev. Laura at lshennum@uusf.org.

Global Conversations - Sunday, March 3 at 12:30 pm in the TSK Room

Considering the alternatives, four organizations present their visions of a better world for humanity. Those organizations are the **Socialist Organizer**, **Revolutionary Communist Party**, **Freedom Socialist Party**, and **United Front Committee**. Presentations, Q&A, discussions, and lunch will be provided at a nominal fee.

Newcomer Orientation - Sunday, March 10 at 12:30 pm in the Fireside Room

Do you want to learn more about Unitarian Universalism? Join us in the Fireside Room after the service to meet some of our members and learn more about our congregation and Unitarian Universalism in the community.

HAPPENINGS

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

UUSF invites congregations to discuss changes to Article II of the UUA's Bylaws, Principles, and Purposes, recommending a simpler, more values-based denominational covenant, with special guest Rev. Cheryl M. Walker. You can view the recommended changes at <https://bit.ly/48zEEj7> and RSVP for this event at <https://bit.ly/Article2Rsvp>. To watch it online go to <https://bit.ly/Article2UUSF>.

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



Effective Altruists meet Unitarian Universalists! Saturday, March 23, 1:00 to 3:00 pm

This is a hangout and chat event hosted at UUSF, one of the few types of churches that are accepting of any religion, including not having one at all. The common thread between these two communities is that both care about humanity and making things better. We will bring some light vegan Thai fare. We would love for you to bring drinks or snacks to share if you can! Kids are welcome; the church has an outdoor playground right beside the courtyard where we are meeting. We are always looking for volunteers!! Please text Ruth Wong at 628-209-9005. For those new to effective altruism: <https://www.effectivealtruism.org/>

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/>



"Storm Warning"

Sunday, February 18, 10:50 am, 2024

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