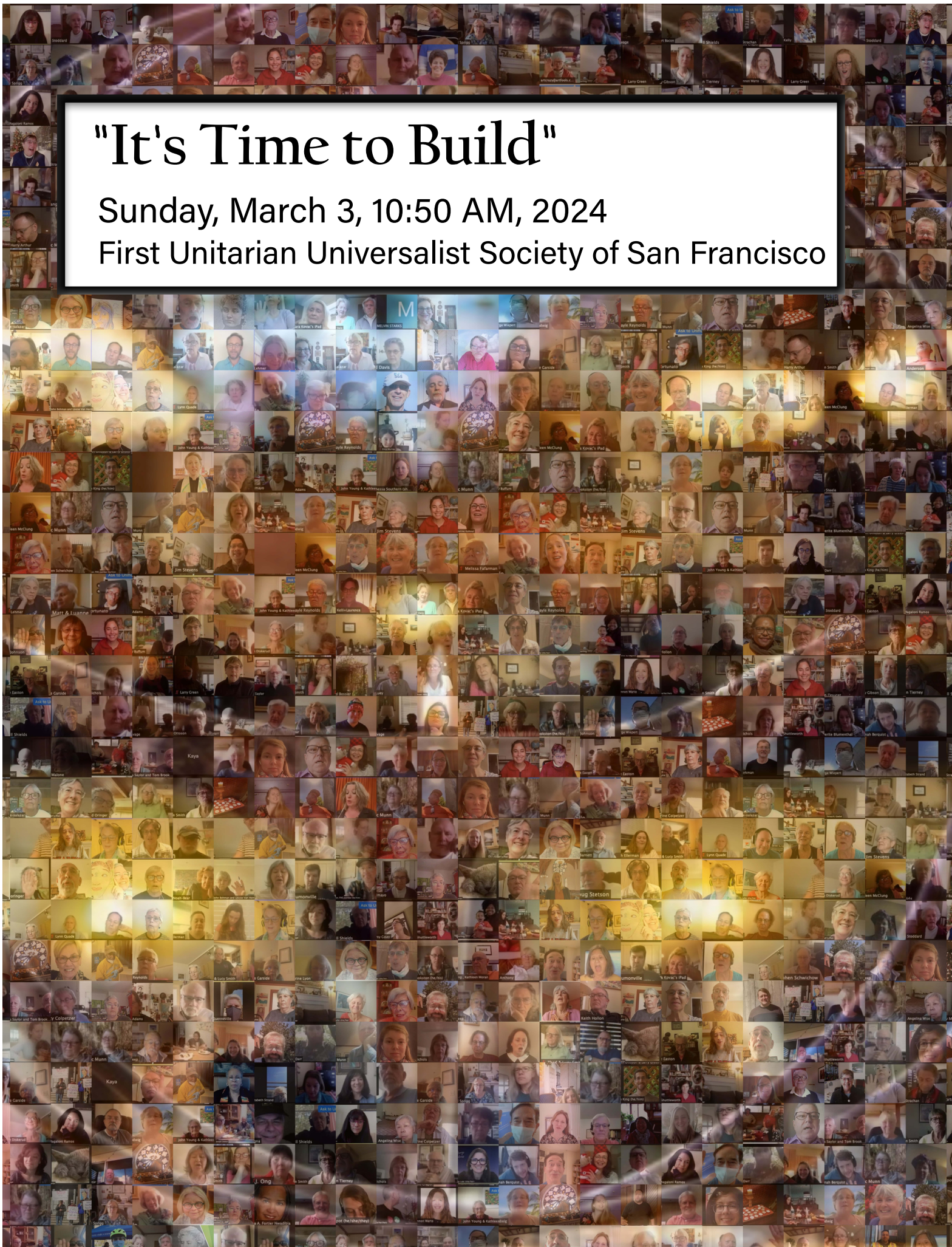


"It's Time to Build"

Sunday, March 3, 10:50 AM, 2024

First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco





Order of Service
Sunday March 3, 2024
10:50 AM - 12:15 PM

Livestreamed at bit.ly/uusfmedia

New to UUSF? Complete Our Connections form at <https://bit.ly/uuconnections2024>

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	<i>Wake Now My Senses</i> <i>Ciacona in E minor</i>	Manz/Wood Dietrich Buxtehude Reiko Oda Lane, organist
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Opening Words and Welcome	Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of Congregational Life
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Unison Chalice Lighting	Daniel Jackoway, 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.

*Hymn 298	<i>Wake Now My Senses</i>	SLANE
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Brief Invitations	Lucy Smith, Secretary Board of Trustees
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Congregation

We will! We not only welcome you, but also promise to nurture you and support your journey, providing our friendship, sharing our life experiences, inviting your questions and stepping into what life together and the world will ask of us. With eagerness and expectation, we look forward to working alongside you and building our beloved community together. Welcome home!

New Member

Eagerly and with enthusiasm I bring to this place my gifts and talents, life experience and wisdom, questions and challenges. I look forward to being co-creators of this beloved community and serving its mission with joy.

Greeting One Another

Unison Covenant

Daniel Jackoway

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.

**Children/youth exit to classes during doxology.

Canvass Kickoff

Sherry Delo & Jack Delo, Canvass Co-Chairs

Music *UU've Got a Friend in We* arr. by Mac Huff
UUSF Choir, Mark Sumner, director; Wm. Garcia Ganz, pianist

Time of Prayer/Meditation Rev. Laura Shennum

Offering Daniel Jackoway

This morning's offering will benefit the work and ministries of **First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco**. Learn more at www.uusf.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, 03-03-24, "Sunday Plate"



Offertory *Homeward Bound* Marta Keen
UUSF Choir, Mark Sumner, director; Wm. Garcia Ganz, pianist

Throughout the month of March, in observance of International Women's Day and Women's History Month, the choir will perform some of our beloved anthems composed by women.

Sermon "It's Time to Build" Rev. Laura Shennum

*Hymn 1017 *We Are Building A New Way* Martha Sandefer
([CLICK HERE OR TURN TO PAGES 7 & 8 TO VIEW HYMN](#))

*Benediction Rev. Laura Shennum

Postlude Jupiter Theme from "The Planet" Gustav Holst
Reiko Oda Lane, organist

*Please rise in body or spirit.

PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leaders

Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of Congregational Life
Daniel Jackoway, Worship Associate
Sherry Delo & Jack Delo, Canvass Co-Chairs
Lucy Smith, Board of Trustees
Bill Lowell, Membership Team

Sunday Support

Shulee Ong, Camera; Eric Shackelford, Camera; Jackson Munn, Camera
Jonathan Silk, Communications Director
Thomas Brown, Jose Matias Pineda, Francisco Castellanos, Sextons
Judy Payne, Flowers
Linda Messner, Head Usher

Musicians

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

UUSF Annual Operating Fund Pledge Drive for 2024-25

It's Pledge Season! All March is the UUSF Annual Operating Fund Pledge Drive for 2024-25. Members, friends, and visitors alike make financial commitments to our community, enabling our ministry to flourish. Learn more about the drive at the Pledge Table in the gallery, after worship. To make your pledge go to <https://bit.ly/Pledgeuusf24-25>

<https://www.uusf.org/pledge>



298 Wake, Now, My Senses

♩=108 Unison

1. Wake, now, my sens - es, and hear the earth call;
 2. Wake, now, my rea - son, reach out to the new;
 3. Wake, now, com - pas - sion, give heed to the cry;

feel the deep pow - er of be - ing in all;
 join with each pil - grim who quests for the true;
 voic - es of suf - fer - ing fill the wide sky;

keep, with the web of cre - a - tion your vow,
 hon - or the beau - ty and wis - dom of time;
 take as your neigh - bor both strang - er and friend,

giv - ing, re - ceiv - ing as love shows us how.
 suf - fer thy lim - it, and praise the sub - lime.
 pray - ing and striv - ing their hard - ship to end.

⊕ Words: Thomas J. S. Mikelson, 1936-
 Music: Traditional Irish melody, harmony by Carlton R. Young, 1926- ,
 renewal © 1992 Abingdon Press

SLANE
 10.10.10.10.

1017

Building a New Way

Rock feel, swing eighths ♩ = 116

Cm7

1. We are build - ing
(2. We are work) - ing

Detailed description: This system contains the first two lines of music. The top line is a vocal melody in 4/4 time, starting with a whole rest followed by a half note G4, quarter notes A4 and Bb4, and a half note C5. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and chords in the right hand. A double bar line with repeat dots is placed after the first measure of the vocal line.

G7

- a new way. — We are build -
- to be free. — We are work -

Detailed description: This system contains the third and fourth lines of music. The vocal line continues with quarter notes C5, Bb4, and A4, followed by a half note G4. The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern. A double bar line with repeat dots is placed after the first measure of the vocal line.

G7sus

ing — a new way. —
ing — to be free. —

Detailed description: This system contains the fifth and sixth lines of music. The vocal line continues with quarter notes G4, F4, and E4, followed by a half note D4. The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern. A double bar line with repeat dots is placed after the first measure of the vocal line.

Words & music: Martha Sandefer, 1952 - , © 1986 Martha Sandefer,
⊕ arr. Jim Scott, 1946 -

Building a New Way - 2

Cm7

We are build - ing a new way, — feel - ing strong -
 We are work - ing to be free — hate and greed

Fm7

Cm7

er ev' - ry day, — We are build - ing —
 — and jeal - ous-y. — We are work - ing —

G7

Cm7

1, 2, 3
G7(#9)

4
Cm9

— a new way. —
 — to be free. —

2. We are work
 3. We can feed
 4. Peace and free-

3. We can feed our every need (3X)
 Start with love, that is the seed.
 We can feed our every need.

4. Peace and freedom is our cry (3X)
 Without these this world will die.
 Peace and freedom is our cry.

TODAY!

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).

New Member Sunday! - Sunday, March 3, 12:15 pm, MLK Room

Commemorating our newest member on this first Sunday of March 2024, kindly proceed to the MLK Room following church for cake and refreshments. Also, stop by the Canvass table in the Gallery to make your pledge or ask questions.

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.

HAPPENINGS

Monthly Grief Group - 1st Wednesday of the Month from 7-8:30pm on Zoom

Facilitated by Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of Congregational Life. This is a monthly drop-in group for those who need support with grief or loss. The first meeting will be Wednesday, March 6. To receive the zoom link, please register at <https://bit.ly/UusfGriefGroup>. If you have any questions, contact Rev. Laura at lshennum@uusf.org.

California Labor: Yesterday & Today - Sunday Forum, March 10, 9:30 am TSK Room

Fred Glass, former California Federation of Teachers communications director, has written and directed Golden Lands, Working Hands, published a book, and directed an animated cartoon. California's labor movement is unique due to its focus on immigration workers, rather than gold rushes. The state's working class is constantly reconstituted by immigrants, generating wealth for the fortunate few. California Labor offers an alternative view of history, with teachers, Hollywood unions, hotel workers, and graduate students leading the way. A light breakfast will be offered at 9:00 am. For more and Zoom info please go to <https://www.uusf.org/forum>

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.

New Art Works in the Kings' Gallery by Charles Dabo from March 10 to April 29!

The art reception is on Sunday, March 10 at 12:15 pm, King Rooms

UUSF Art Committee showcases artist Charles Dabo's artwork, connecting to cultural heritage and incorporating geometric shapes. Dabo's work, inspired by San Francisco Bay Area, addresses issues like carelessness and individualism.

In honor of International Women's Day and Women's History Month, our first performance will be by DIRTY CELLO! Sunday, March 10 at 1:30 pm in the Sanctuary

From Iceland to Italy and all over the U.S., San Francisco-based band Dirty Cello led by vivacious cross-over cellist Rebecca Roudman brings high-energy and unique spin on blues, rock, and Americana. Dirty Cello has received a grant to present their music at no cost to us in this very special event, which is a perfect way to kick off the Starr King Way Performance Series (SKWPS). Nancy Munn and Mark Sumner are organizing the series, but we would love to invite anyone of interest to assist us in seeing it through this stage and beyond. We are also asking YOU to recommend future artists for your new performance series! Email us a sngwtme@gmail.com

HAPPENINGS

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

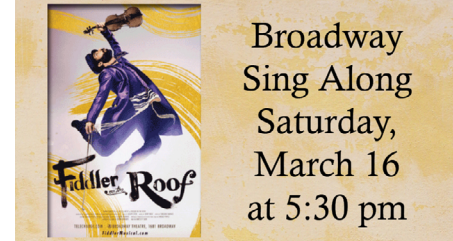
UUSF invites congregations to discuss changes to Article II of the UUA's Bylaws, Principles, and Purposes, recommending a simpler, more values-based denominational covenant, with special guest Rev. Cheryl M. Walker. You can view the recommended changes at <https://bit.ly/48zEEj7> and RSVP for this event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



Broadway
Sing Along
Saturday,
March 16
at 5:30 pm

Real Solutions to San Francisco's Shortage of Affordable Housing - Sunday Forum, March 17, 9:30 am TSK Room

San Francisco's housing development faces political issues, with market-rate housing being unaffordable for most residents. Calvin Welch, former Program Director and President of the San Francisco Information Clearinghouse, questions the dangers of unregulated policies and suggests solutions. A light breakfast will be offered at 9:00 am. For more and Zoom info please go to <https://www.uusf.org/forum>

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/>

An All-Ages Sangha in the Thich Nhat Hanh Plum Village Tradition - Fridays from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm, Chapel

We are happy to announce that a new weekly Buddhist meditation group is coming to UUSF. We are the Home Within Sangha—a local San Francisco community of meditation practitioners in Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh's engaged Plum Village tradition. No experience is necessary. Come to 1187 Franklin Street, and someone will let you in at the glass doors. To join our mailing list, visit <https://bit.ly/SangaGroupUUSF> and click "Ask to join group" All are welcome. We hope to see you there!

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

Minister's Book Group, led by Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern returns in March to lead the book group for *Starry Messenger: Cosmic Perspectives on Civilization* by Neil deGrasse Tyson on March 20, 6:30 pm, Zoom

Dr. Tyson, director of the Hayden Planetarium at the American Museum of Natural History, has been serving since 1996. He is also the host and cofounder of the popular podcast *StarTalk*, which combines science, humor, and pop culture. Dr. Tyson is a recipient of 21 honorary doctorates, the Public Welfare Medal from the National Academy of Sciences, and the Distinguished Public Service Medal from NASA. Asteroid 13123 Tyson is named in his honor. Galileo Galilei's publication *Sidereus Nuncius* in 1610 brought cosmic truths to Earth, including observations of the Sun, Moon, stars, planets, and the Milky Way. The book emphasized that human eyes alone cannot reveal fundamental truths about nature and that Earth is not the center of all motion. These cosmic perspectives prompted people to rethink their relationships to one another, Earth, and the cosmos. Join the starry adventure outward and inward guided by Dr. Tyson!

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.

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