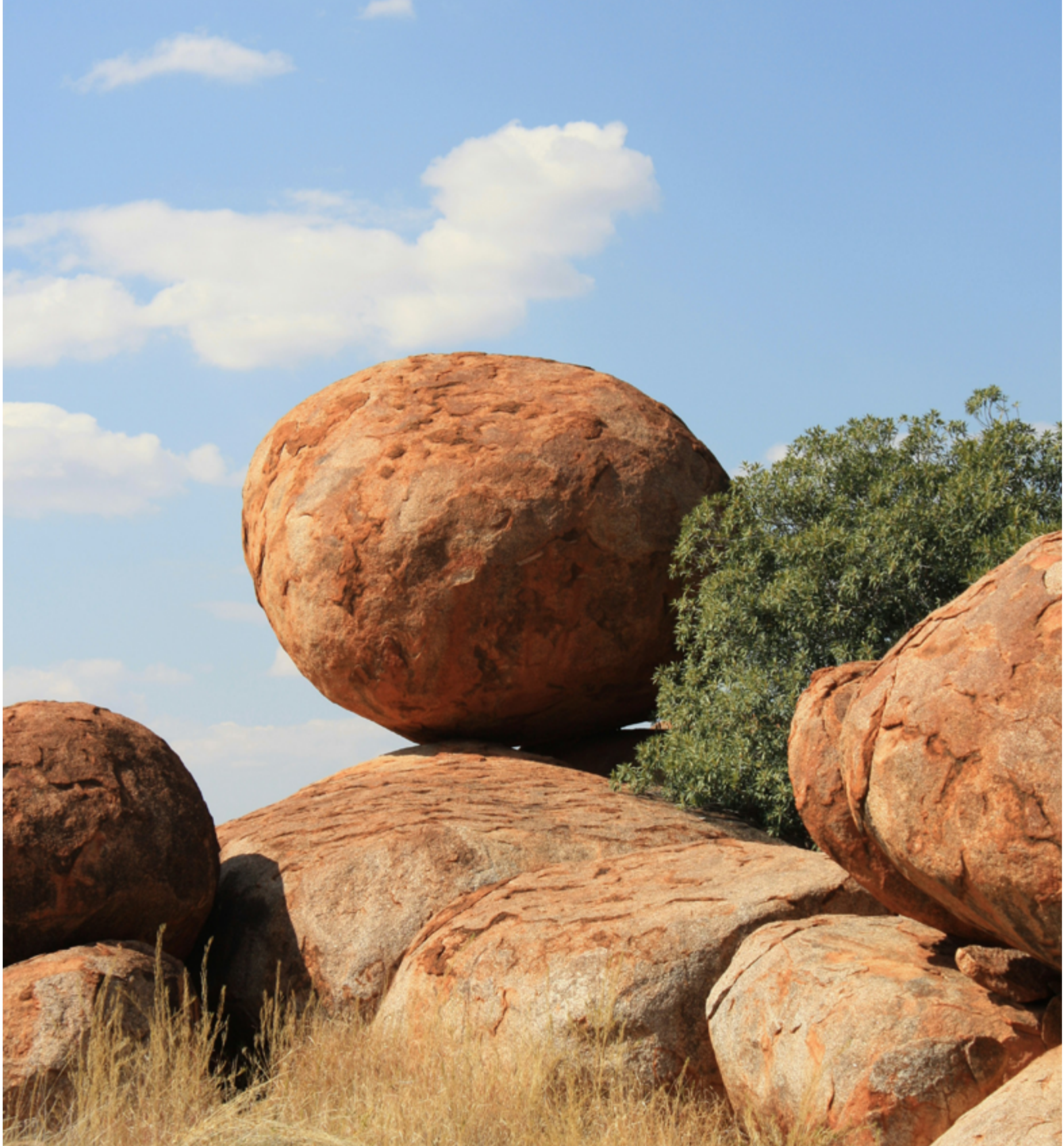


"Roll that Rock Away"

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco



Order of Service
Easter Sunday March 31, 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 *Processional on Lobe den Herren*
 Te Deum

Martin Shaw
Marc Antoine Charpentier
Reiko Oda Lane, organist

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.

*Hymn 269, sung to hymn tune 268 *Lo, the Day of Days Is Here*

LLANFAIR

Lo, the day of days is here, Alleluia!
Festival of hope and cheer! Alleluia!
At the south wind's genial breath — Alleluia!
Nature wakes from seeming death, Alleluia!
Fields are smiling in the sun, Alleluia!
Loosened streamlets seaward run, Alleluia!
Tender blade and leaf appear; Alleluia! 'Tis the spring-tide of the year, Alleluia!

Lo, the Eastertide is here, Alleluia!
Music thrills the atmosphere. Alleluia!
Join, you people all, and sing — Alleluia!
Love and praise and thanksgiving, Alleluia!

Greeting One Another

Bell Anthem *You Raise Me Up* Graham and Lovland
 UUSF Bell Choir; Nancy Munn, vocalist; Reiko Oda Lane, director

Story for All Ages *The Dragonfly* by Doris Stickney Dennis Adams; Revs. Shennum & Southern

Unison 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.

Canvass Testimonials

Bill Klingelhoffer & Courtney Young-Law

*Responsive Reading No. 628 *Rolling Away the Stone* Sara Moores Campbell

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Music *In paradisum* from *Requiem* Maurice Duruflé
 UUSF Choir; Mark Sumner, director; Reiko Oda Lane, organist

**Children/youth exit to classes during doxology.

Time of Prayer/Meditation

Offering

This morning's offering will go towards **UUSF's Minister's Discretionary Fund**. The Minister's Discretionary Fund allows the ministers to help the congregation and people in the wider community to meet a challenging situation with resources that are not available in any other way. It could be gas money, food, help with visiting an ailing member of the community, or many other needs that come up suddenly. Your spirit of generosity makes our love for the world tangible. 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, 03-31-24, "Sunday Plate"

DONATE



Offertory *Jesus Rolled That Rock Away* words and music by Francyl Gawryn
UUSF Choir; Mark Sumner, soloist, director; Wm. García Ganz, pianist

Sermon "Roll that Rock Away" Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

*Hymn 270 *O Day of Light of Gladness* LANCASHIRE
([CLICK HERE OR TURN TO PAGE 7 TO VIEW HYMN](#))

*Benediction

Postlude *Marche Triomphale, Op. 65* Sigfrid Karg-Elert
Reiko Oda Lane, organist

*Please rise in body or spirit.



PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leaders

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister

Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of Congregational Life

Dennis Adams, Worship Associate

Bill Klingelhoffer and Courtney Young-Law, Canvass Testimonials

Linda Enger, Trustee

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, Carrie Steere-Salazar, Judy Payne, Athena Papadakos Flowers

Linda Messner, Head Usher

Musicians

Reiko Oda Lane, Organist & Bell Choir Director

UUSF Bell Choir

UUSF Choir

Mark Sumner, Music Director

Nancy Munn, Vocalist

Wm. García Ganz, Pianist



RESPONSIVE READING ~ #628 Rolling Away the Stone by Sara Moores Campbell

In the tomb of the soul, we carry secret yearnings, pains, frustrations, loneliness, fears, regrets, worries.

In the tomb of the soul, we take refuge from the world and it's heaviness.

In the tomb of the soul, we wrap ourselves in the security of darkness.

Sometimes this is a comfort, sometimes it is an escape.

Sometimes it prepares us for experience, sometimes it insulates us from life.

Sometimes this tomb life gives us time to feel the pain of the world and reach out to heal others. Sometimes it numbs us and locks us up with our own concerns.

In this season where light and dark balance the day, we seek balance for ourselves.

Grateful for the darkness that has nourished us, we push away the stone and invite the light to awaken us to the possibilities within us and among us, possibilities for new life in ourselves, in our world.



O Day of Light and Gladness 270

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1. O day of light and glad-ness, of proph - e - cy and
 2. Earth feels the sea - son's joy - ance; from moun - tain range to
 3. O Dawn of life e - ter - nal, to thee our hearts up -

song, what thoughts with-in us wak - en, what hal - lowed mem - 'ries
 sea the tides of life are flow - ing, fresh, man - i - fold, and
 raise the Eas - ter song of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of

throng! The soul's ho - ri - zon wid - ens, past, pres - ent, fu - ture
 free. In val - ley and on up - land, by for - est path - ways
 praise. Thine are the man - y man - sions, the dead die not to

blend; and ris - es on our vi - sion the life that has no end.
 dim, all na - ture lifts in cho - rus the res - ur - rec - tion hymn.
 thee, who fill - est from thy full - ness time and e - ter - ni - ty.

⊕ Words: Frederick Lucian Hosmer, 1840-1929
 Music: Henry Smart, 1813-1879

LANCASHIRE
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E A S T E R

UUSF Annual Operating Fund Pledge Drive for 2024-25

It's pledge season! March is the UUSF Annual Operating Fund Pledge Drive for 2024–25. We are still missing pledges from half of our beloved community members who have not submitted their pledge forms. We need each and every pledge, regardless of its size. All pledges received by this Sunday, March 31, will be eligible for the raffle of two Lake Tahoe weekend lodgings. Please plan to join us on April 7 in the courtyard for the raffle drawing and “Champagne and Cupcakes.”. To make your pledge, go to <https://bit.ly/Pledgeuusf24-25>.



Events, Meetings & Volunteer Opportunities (www.uusf.org/news)



You can choose and return your Easter bonnet at the Easter Bonnet Library located in the gallery. Tenderloin Tessie will be following this service, so there won't be a coffee hour. The all-volunteer Tenderloin Tessie Holiday Dinners has been feeding the San Francisco neighborhood on Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas for more than 40 years. Over a thousand people attend their dinners at UUSF on holidays.

HAPPENINGS

Extravaganza of Joy: Karaoke Version!! - Friday, May 10, 6-8:30pm

Join us for the final Extravaganza of Joy on Friday, May 10! We will have a hosted Karaoke Night with **Tami Gosnell**, whom Revs. Shennum and Southern got to see in action last summer during their retreat! Tami is a hoot and knows how to bring people out of their shell! All ages, singing abilities, and talents are encouraged to attend! Attendees will provide a joyful potluck dinner. Let's wrap this year up with some good food and a joyful time! To register and let us know you are coming, use the link provided: <https://bit.ly/UuMayJoy>



Newcomer Orientation - Sunday, April 14, 12:30 pm, Fireside Room (childcare available)

Newcomers are welcome to join us in the Fireside Room after the service to meet some of our members and learn more about our congregation and Unitarian Universalism. It's a great chance to meet other folks in the community, ask any questions you might have, and find out how to get involved in our programs and ministries. For our next orientation on Sunday, April 14th, we are offering free childcare to parents and guardians who would like to attend. If you would like to have childcare while you take part in the Newcomer Orientation, please register at <https://bit.ly/UuNewcomer>. We look forward to meeting you!

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, April 3. To receive the zoom link, please register at <https://bit.ly/UusfGriefGroup>. If you have any questions, contact Rev. Laura at lshennum@uusf.org.

Black, Indigenous, and People of Color Gathering: April 7 from 9:30 am, On Zoom

This sacred space is open to our members and friends who are Black, Indigenous and People of Color. The meeting takes place by Zoom on the first Sunday of every month from 9:30-10:50am. If you are interested in attending or finding out more, please email bipoc@uusf.org. Please come join this space for joy, renewal, care and inspiration.

Sunday Forum with Dr. Stephen Zunes - Sunday, April 7, 9:30 am TSK Room

Dr. Stephen Zunes, a prominent scholar in U.S. Middle East policy and strategic nonviolent action, will discuss the recent election of Israel's right-wing government and the role of the U.S. government in perpetuating Israel's occupation of Palestine. For more info and Zoom links please go to <https://www.uusf.org/forum>

Monthly Parent/Guardian Group - 1st Sundays during worship (Sun, April 7)

Facilitated by Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of Congregational Life. Parents and guardians gather on the first Sunday after the 11am service's 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.

Fundraiser for the Jenin Freedom Theater - Sunday, April 7, 1pm, TSK Room - Lunch @ 1:00 pm & Presentation @ 1:30 pm

The UU Justice in the Middle East will host an event on April 7 to support the Jenin Freedom Theater, a cultural center in Occupied Palestine, which has been nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize for its 17 years of providing theater and visual arts to the youth of the Jenin refugee camp. The event will feature a meal, video performances, and a photo display from S.F. Indy Bay photographer Leon Kunstenaar, highlighting the theater's history and the pro-Palestinian movement.

Sign Up to Volunteer for the Interfaith Food Pantry - Saturday, April 13

Join UUSF members and community volunteers to distribute groceries to 325+ households on Saturday, April 13. Sign up and find more information on their website or at bit.ly/foodpantryuusf. Volunteer shifts start at 8:15 am. Contact Hanna Hart or Ben Bear for questions. (www.uusf.org/foodpantry)

Passover Seder - Friday, April 26, 6:30 pm, TSK Room - RSVP for the seder at <https://bit.ly/UuSeder2024>

Join us for a celebration of freedom, exploring the connection between ancient rituals and modern liberation struggles. Enjoy a potluck dinner, singing, and traditional Passover food. All ages are welcome. Volunteers are needed for set-up, clean-up, and dish sharing. A suggested donation of \$10-20 covers wine, food, and other costs. Contact Mia at miashackelford@gmail.com for ideas or to help organize this year's seder.

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

Ministers' Book Group: April and May - On Repentance and Repair, by Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg

In April and May, Revs. Shennum and Southern will lead three sessions on Rabbi Ruttenberg's book, *On Repentance and Repair: Making Amends in an Unapologetic World*. This book is the UUA Common Read for this year and offers a framework for how we look at making amends and how we work toward forgiveness and repair that applies to both personal transgressions and the legacy of larger societal systemic harms (like the legacy of enslavement, sexual harassment and violence, Native genocide, and displacement). Rabbi Ruttenberg draws from the work of the great medieval Jewish philosopher Maimonides. Please join us as we think concretely about what healing and hope might look like and the tools we might gather to be part of that work. The sessions will be held on Zoom on **April 10th, 24th, and May 8th from 6:30-8 PM**. Register at <https://www.uusf.org/are>

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

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

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

