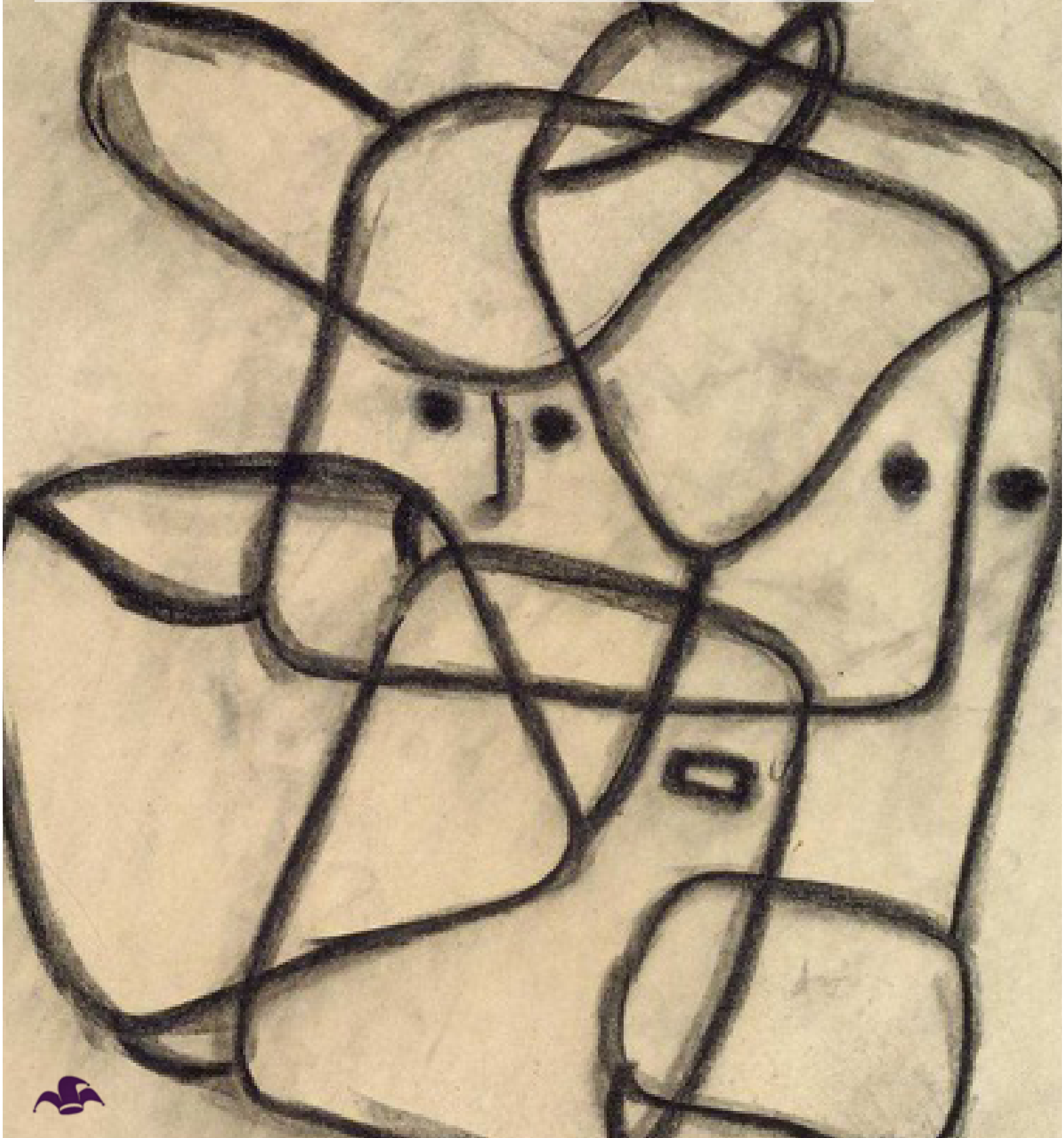


"Person by Person by Person"

Sunday, April 7, 2024

First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco





Order of Service
Sunday April 7, 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>Where Charity and Love Abound</i> <i>Make Channels for the Streams of Love</i>	Ubi Caritas/James Aylward American Melody/Wood Reiko Oda Lane, organist
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Opening Words and Welcome	Carmen Barsody
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Ringling of the Gong	Sam Dennison
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Unison Chalice Lighting	Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of Congregational Life
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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 389

Gathered Here

GATHERED HERE

[\(CLICK HERE OR TURN TO PAGE 6 TO VIEW HYMN\)](#)

Brief Invitations

Liz Strand, Secretary, Board of Trustees

Reflection

Carmen Barsody

Greeting One Another

Story for All Ages Change Sings, by Amanda Gorman

Rev. Laura Shennum

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.

Reflection

Sam Dennison

Music *Gonna Get Through This World*

Woody Guthrie, Lisa Gutkin

Claudine Jones, soloist; UUSF Choir, Mark Sumner, director; Wm. García Ganz, pianist

Time of Prayer/Meditation

Carmen Barsody

**Children/youth exit to classes during doxology.

The offering today goes to support the work and ministries of the **Faithful Fools**, honoring the vision of co-founder, Rev. Kay Jorgensen, who was a social justice minister of this congregation, and the shared commitment of UUSF and Faithful Fools for over 25 years. 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, 04-07-24, "Sunday Plate"



Offertory	<i>I Know I've Been Changed</i> Rusty Harris-Bishop, Morgen Warner, soloists; UUSF Choir, Mark Sumner, director	Damon Dandridge
Sermon	"Person by Person by Person"	Carmen Barsody

*Hymn 311	<i>Let It Be a Dance</i> (CLICK HERE OR TURN TO PAGES 7-10 TO VIEW HYMN)	MASTEN
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*Benediction

Postlude	<i>Round and Round We Go Again</i> UUSF Choir, Mark Sumner & Ben Rudiak-Gould; songleaders; Jon Silk, drummer; Wm. García Ganz, pianist	Rick Masten
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*Please rise in body or spirit.



PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leaders

Carmen Barsody & Sam Dennison, Faithful Fools
Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of Congregational Life
Jack Delo & Sherry Delo, Canvass Chairs
Liz Strand, Secretary, Board of Trustees

Sunday Support

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

Musicians

Reiko Oda Lane, Organist
UUSF Choir
Mark Sumner, Music Director
Claudine Jones, Rusty Harris-Bishop, Morgen Warner, Soloists
Jon Silk
Wm. García Ganz, Pianist

UUSF Annual Operating Fund Pledge Drive for 2024-25

Through the first month of the campaign, the 2024–2025 Pledge Canvass has gone well. We are all grateful for that and will celebrate the good start this Sunday, April 7, with “champagne and cupcakes.” However, the campaign still falls short of the \$750,000 goal, as pledge forms have not been received from nearly 100 members. Each pledge, no matter how small, is crucial to reaching the total goal. The goal is not just a random number; it is to pay for the things we enjoy and love about UUSF. We encourage everyone to think about their UUSF values and pledge today, with forms available after the service on Sunday. or click the link below or scan the QR code with your phone to make your pledge!

<https://bit.ly/Pledgeuusf24-25>



Gathered Here

389

$\text{♩} = 108$

①

Gath - ered here in the mys-tery of the hour.

②

Gath-ered here in one strong bod-y. Gath-ered here in the

③

strug-gle and the power. Spir - it, draw near.

④

Words & music: Philip A. Porter, 1953- , © 1991 Philip A. Porter

GATHERING CHANT
Irregular



Let It Be a Dance

$\text{♩} = 56$

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The third system concludes the piece. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 56. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The time signature is 2/2. The lyrics are: 'Let it be a dance we do. May I have this dance with you? Through the good times and the bad times, too, let it be a dance.'

Let it be a dance we do. May I have this

dance with you? Through the good times and the

bad times, too, let it be a dance.

May be sung unaccompanied

⊕ Words & music: Ric Masten, 1929- , © 1977 Mastenville Music (BMI),
 ⊕ arr. by Betty A. Wylder, 1923- , © 1992 Unitarian Universalist Association

MASTEN
Irregular

1. Let a danc - ing song be heard.
 2. Ev - ery - bod - y turn and spin,
 3. Morn - ing star comes out at night,

Play the mu - sic, say the words,
 let your bod - y learn to bend,
 with - out the dark there is no light.

and fill the sky with sail - ing birds.
 and, like a wil - low with the wind,
 If noth - ing's wrong, then noth - ing's right.

HUMANITY: WOMEN AND MEN

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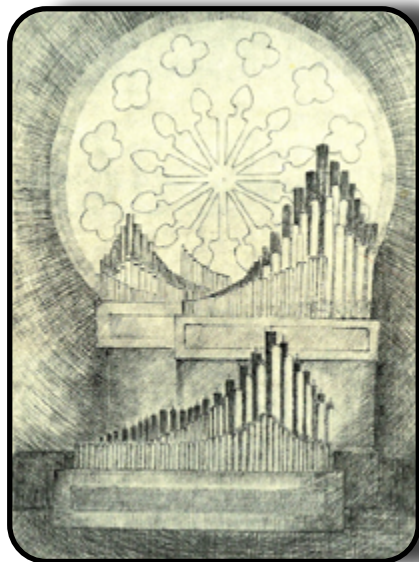
dance.
 dance.
 dance. Learn to fol - low, learn to lead,
 A child is born, the old must die;
 Let the sun shine, let it rain;

feel the rhy - thm, fill the need
 a time for joy, a time to cry.
 share the laugh - ter, bear the pain,

HUMANITY: WOMEN AND MEN

to reap the har - vest, plant the seed.
 Take it as it pass - es by.
 and round and round we go a - gain.

Let it be a dance.
 Let it be a dance.
 Let it be a dance.



TODAY!

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 lsennum@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.

Young Adult Outing: SOFTBALL SUNDAY! - April 7, 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm - UUSF Courtyard / Moscone Softball Fields, Marina

YA Member Tad invites everyone to watch his softball team, the Beaux Peeps, play their first game in the San Francisco Gay Softball League. The event will take place at 12:30 pm in the UUSF Courtyard, which is a half-hour walk or 20-minute bus ride to Moscone Fields from the church. Carpooling is encouraged, and limited street parking is available near the fields. Snacks and non-alcoholic drinks are welcome, and there are plenty of benches and grass space for comfort. If you were planning to attend the 'Champagne & Cupcake' Pledge celebration and raffle, you can join us at Moscone Fields afterwards. Join us to support Tad's team, socialize, and enjoy watching softball.

HAPPENINGS

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)

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

Ukraine & Russia: On the Brink of World War III?- Sunday, April 14, 9:30 am TSK Room

Sunday Forum with Anthony D'Agostino. The war in Ukraine has reached a stalemate, with devastating loss of life. The U.S. should not judge "rights" but rather people decide war or peace. Ukraine is in its national epoch, similar to Italy, Germany, or Serbia. Laughing off Putin's historical claims shows ignorance of history. The end of globalization is the return of great-power politics, not the Cold War. Our period is not one of the Cold War but of the origins of World War 3. Anthony D'Agostino, a Professor Emeritus of History at San Francisco State University, has published five books on international politics.

More info: <https://www.uusf.org/forum>

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.

New UU! Sunday, April 28, 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm, in-person at UUSF - Register: <https://bit.ly/NewUu0428>

New UU is an interactive class offered quarterly by Revs. Vanessa Rush Southern and Laura Shennum, which gives you the chance to get a deeper understanding of Unitarian Universalism and our congregation. If you're interested but not available for the next class, let me know and we will reach out to you when we offer the class again: ewakeling@uusf.org

Stop by the Kings Gallery to see the new artwork on display until April 29!

The UUSF Art Committee is featuring the artist **Charles Dabo**. Mr. Dabo aims to create artwork that connects to his cultural heritage and encourages contemplation and interest in various aspects. He uses geometric shapes in abstract compositions to explore optical illusions and traditional wisdom. Charles' work is characterized by vivid colors, stylized mythical animals, and geometric shapes associated with West African proverbs and legends.

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

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 the 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>



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>

Ministers' Book Group: June - Hijab Butch Blues: A Memoir by Lamya H

In our June book gathering, we will read the memoir of a young, queer, and hijab-wearing Muslim who comes to the US and her quest to find and be herself. Things about being an immigrant make that hard, and her family and larger community of Muslims can too. It is honest and searching, but the surprise and delight is how her search, within her faith tradition, leads her to passages, stories, and people in the Quran that can be read as liberatory and supportive of her own story, life choices, and journey. We will meet on Zoom Wednesday, June 26th, 6:30-8 pm.

More Info and to register: <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.

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

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