

"Perspectives on Earth"

Sunday, April 14, 2024

First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco





Order of Service
Sunday April 14, 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 *Prière à Notre-Dame*

Leon Baellmann
Reiko Oda Lane, organist

Introit from Requiem, Opus 9

Maurice Duruflé

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.

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Brief Invitations

Galen Workman, Trustee

Greeting One Another

Music *Lux Aeterna* from Requiem

Durufié

Story for All Ages

Rev. Laura Shennum,
Minister of Congregational Life

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

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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

Richard Davis-Lowell, Worship Associate

Music *In paradisum* from Requiem

Durufié

**Children/youth exit to classes during doxology.

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Time of Prayer/Meditation

Offering

Today's offering will go toward the **The Nature Conservancy**. The Nature Conservancy needs your help this Earth Day. You can help fight climate change. Invest in nature this Earth Day. Donate to The Nature Conservancy to make a difference. Build Healthy Cities. Conserving Our Oceans. Protect Land & Water. Tackle Climate Change. More info at <https://bit.ly/3xz2iQh>. 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, 04-14-24 "Sunday Plate"



Offertory

Kyrie from Requiem

Durufié

Sermon

"Perspectives on Earth"

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

*Hymn 1064

Blue Boat Home

Peter Mayer

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*Benediction

Postlude

The Blessings

Charles Piroye
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
Richard Davis-Lowell, Worship Associate
Galen Workman, Trustee

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
UU Kensington & UUSF Choirs
Bryan Baker & Mark Sumner, Music Directors
Wm. García Ganz, Pianist

ABOUT

Today we welcome choristers from Kensington Unitarian Universalist Church, Bryan Baker, director.

Severely self-critical, Maurice Duruflé composed very little. His best-known organ works are his *Prélude, adagio, and choral varié sur le "Veni Creator"* (op. 4) and his *Prélude et fugue sur le nom d'Alain*, Op. 7, composed in memory of organist and contemporary Jehan Alain (1911–1940), killed in World War II. The four motets of Op. 10 are also well-known, especially the lovely *Ubi caritas*, which we, at UUSE, have sung several times. But unquestionably, he is most famous for his masterpiece, the Requiem (Op. 9).

The Requiem is heavily influenced by plainchant, as are the motets and other Duruflé works. The Requiem, from 1947, began as a series of organ works based on chant, a genre common enough for organists at the time. As a church organist, Duruflé would have performed at many, many Requiem masses, and pieces drawing on the plainchant for these masses would have been very useful. Then, when Duruflé's publisher commissioned a choral work, the composer used the organ works as the foundation for the mass, which is conceived to be accompanied by either an organ (as Reiko Oda Lane will feature) or an orchestra, which includes a part for the organ.

On **Saturday, April 20** the soloists in the Kensington performance will be our own **Akane Ota** and **Andrew Kessler**.

Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky!

♩ = 52 Unison

1. Touch the earth, reach the sky! Walk on shores while
 2. Touch the earth, reach the sky! Chil - dren ask the
 3. Touch the earth, reach the sky! All are born and

spir - its fly o - ver the o - cean, o - ver the land, our
 rea - sons why. In our lives the an - swers show, and
 all shall die; life's the time left in be - tween, to

faith a quest to un - der - stand.
 by our love they learn and grow.
 fol - low a star, to build a dream.

4. Touch the earth, reach the sky!
 Hug the laughter, feel the cry.
 May we see where we can give,
 for this is what it means to live.

5. Touch the earth, reach the sky!
 Soar with courage ever high;
 spirits joining as we fly,
 to touch the earth, to reach the sky.

It offers a platform for the free voice, for declaring, both in times of security and danger, the full and undivided conflict of opinion.

It is a house of truth-seeking, where scientists can encourage devotion to their quest, where mystics can abide in a community of searchers.

It is a house of art, adorning its celebrations with melodies and handiworks.

It is a house of prophecy, outrunning times past and times present in visions of growth and progress.

This house is a cradle for our dreams, the workshop of our common endeavor.

⊕ KENNETH L. PATTON

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THE WOMB OF STARS

The womb of stars embraces us; remnants of their fiery furnaces pulse through our veins.

*We are of the stars,
the dust of the explosions
cast across space.*

We are of the earth:
we breathe and live in the breath
of ancient plants and beasts.

*Their cells nourish the soil;
we build our communities
on their harvest of gifts.*

Our fingers trace the curves
carved in clay and stone
by forebears unknown to us.

*We are a part
of the great circle of humanity
gathered around the fire, the
hearth, the altar.*

We gather anew this day
to celebrate our common heritage.

*May we recall in gratitude
all that has given us birth.*

⊕ JOY ATKINSON

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TO THE FOUR DIRECTIONS (A reading for Individual Voices)

Spirit of the East, spirit of air,
of morning and springtime:
Be with us as the sun rises,
in times of beginning,
times of planting.
Inspire us with the fresh breath of
courage
as we go forth into new
adventures.

Spirit of the South, spirit of fire,
of noontime and summer:
Be with us through the heat of
the day
and help us to be ever growing.
Warm us with strength
and energy for the work that
awaits us.

Spirit of the West, spirit of water,
of evening and autumn:
Be with us as the sun sets
and help us to enjoy a rich harvest.
Flow through us with a cooling,
healing quietness and bring us
peace.

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Blue Boat Home

Fluid, legato ♩ = 140

simile

1. Though be - low me, I feel no mo - tion
 2. Sun my sail — and moon my rud - der
 3. I give thanks to the waves up - hold - ing me,

⊕ Words: Peter Mayer, 1963 - , © 2002 Peter Mayer

Music: Roland Hugh Prichard, 1811 - 1887, adapted by Peter Mayer, 1963 - ,

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⊕ keyboard arr. Jason Shelton, 1972 -

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Blue Boat Home - 2

E A/E

stan- ding on these moun- tains and plains.
as I ply the star - ry sea,
hail the great winds urg - ing me on,

E A/E

Far a - way from the rol - ling o - cean
lean - ing o - ver the edge in won - der,
greet the in - fi - nite sea be - fore_ me,

E A/E E

still my dry land heart_ can say:
cast - ing ques - tions in - to the deep.
sing the sky my sai - lor's song:

G# -

Blue Boat Home - 3

G#m C#m7 F#m7 B7sus4 B7/A

I've been sail - ing all my life_ now,
 Drift - ing here with my ship's com - pan - ions,
 I was born_ up - on the fath - oms,

G#m AM7 F#m7 Bsus4 B

nev - er har - bor or port have I known. The
 all we kin - dred pil - grim souls,
 nev - er har - bor or port have I known. The

E A/E E Bsus4 B/A

wide un - i - verse_ is the o - cean I tra - vel_
 mak - ing our way_ by the lights of the hea - vens_
 wide u - ni - verse_ is the o - cean I tra - vel, -

Blue Boat Home - 4

E/G# A(add9) B sus4 B(add11) 1, 2
E

and the earth. is my blue boat home.
in our beau - ti - ful blue boat home.
and the earth. is my blue boat

A/E 3
E

home. _____

A/E E A/E E

rit.

TODAY!

UUSF Annual Operating Fund Pledge Drive for 2024-25

Last Sunday's event was filled with champagne and cupcakes, and Marguerite Blumenthal and Sam Darby won weekend lodgings at Lake Tahoe. Now we are down to the serious part of the Annual Canvass. Nearly 90 members have not submitted their next year's pledge, leaving \$175,000 short of the \$750,000 goal. The Annual Canvass aims to raise the community's spirit and support each other by funding costs for ministerial and administrative staff, meeting spaces, and meaningful activities. Do not think that your pledge does not matter. It does. It takes everyone. So if you have not done so already, please fill out a paper form or an online form at <https://www.uusf.org/pledge>



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>

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

The Men's Story Project: Masculinities, Health and Social Justice - Sunday, April 21, 9:30 am TSK Room

Sunday Forum with Jocelyn Lehrer. The Men's Story Project (MSP) is a research-based program aimed at promoting public dialogue about masculinity, addressing issues like reduced healthcare access, violence against women, homophobia, substance abuse, HIV/AIDS, and gender inequality. Founder/Director Dr. Joycelyn Lehrer has 25 years of experience in preventing gender-based violence, HIV/AIDS, and promoting healthy masculinities and gender equality.

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

HAPPENINGS

Animal Rights and the Law - Sunday, April 28, 9:30 am TSK Room

Sunday Forum with **Wayne Hsiung**. Wayne Hsiung, an internationally recognized animal rescuer and investigator, co-founded animal rights organizations Direct Action Everywhere and The Simple Heart Initiative. He has been involved in a mass movement for open rescue of animals from factory farms and animal exploitation industries. Hsiung studied law and economics at the University of Chicago and taught at the Northwestern School of Law and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has been jailed for 38 days for organizing a peaceful protest and the open rescue of chickens and ducks from factory farms. He was previously facing a maximum 16-year prison sentence for rescuing beagles from Ridgland Farms in Wisconsin. Charges were dropped before trial to keep criminal abuses hidden. Hsiung continues to fight for animals despite the efforts of powerful industries.

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

Allyne Circle Honors Reception - Sunday, April 28, 12:30 pm, King Rooms

All are welcome to join us after service on Sunday, April 28 to honor the Allyne Circle: members of our community who generously remembered UUSF with a legacy gift. We'll gather to remember these members and express our gratitude. At the reception, we will unveil our refreshed plaque with a dozen new names on it as we enjoy a light lunch with the friends and family members of the Allyne Circle.



Barbara Jeanne Conahan Celebration of Life Memorial Service

Saturday, May 4, 12:00 pm, Sanctuary/Livestream

Barbara Jeanne Conahan passed away on March 12, 2024, at the age of 76, leaving behind a legacy of love, laughter, and enduring friendships. Read Barbara's obituary to learn more about her at <https://legacy.co/49oHLuG>.

Watch it in person or online at <https://bit.ly/3TTk1JJ>.

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>



Save the Date! All Church Retreat is Coming Soon! Saturday, May 25 - Mon, May 27

It's time to retreat into the redwoods and enjoy time together.

More information and registration will be provided in next week's Flame!

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 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.

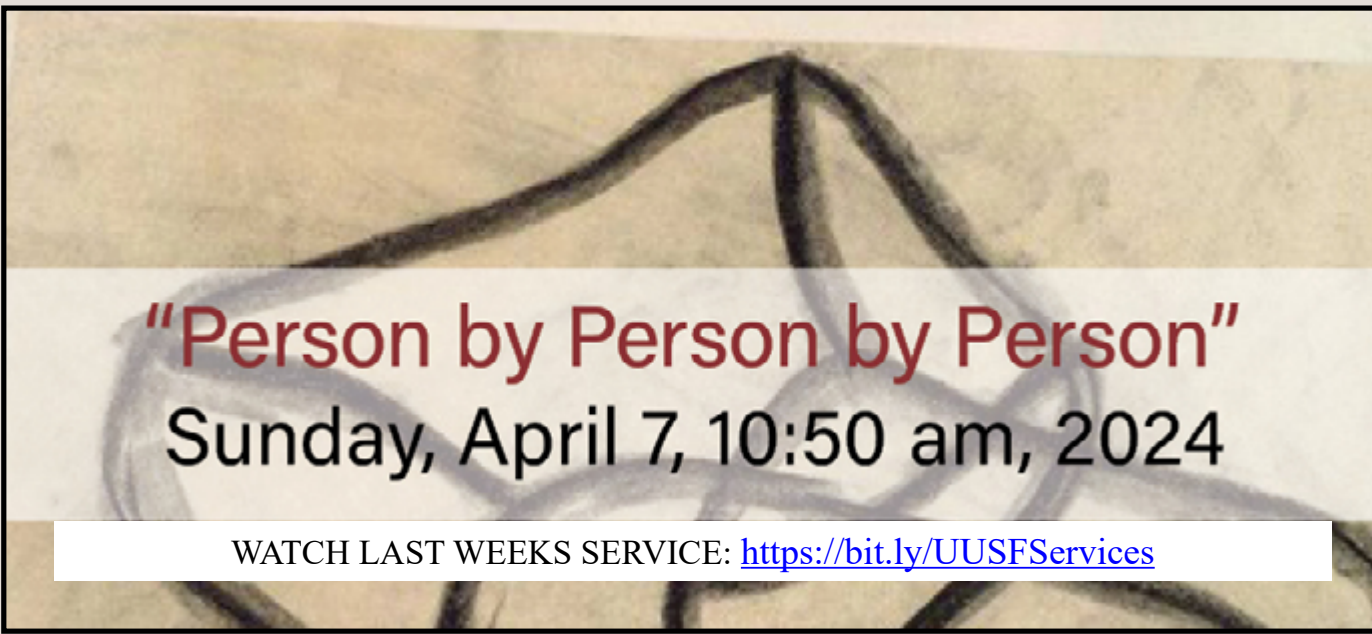
We commit to be in community with openness and loving kindness, acknowledging our own biases and differing perspectives.

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"Person by Person by Person"

Sunday, April 7, 10:50 am, 2024

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