

"Treasures from the Journey"

Sunday May 5, 2024

First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco





Order of Service
Sunday May 5, 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 Themes from *The Four Seasons*
Awake, Now my Senses

Antonio Vivaldi
Paul Manz/Dale Wood
Reiko Oda Lane, organist

Opening Words and Welcome

Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of Congregational Life

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 188

Come, Come, Whoever You Are

PILGRIMAGE

Led by UUSF Choir, Mark Sumner, director

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Greeting One Another

Bell Anthem *This Little Light of Mine*

American Spiritual arr. Kurt Meyer
UUSF Bell Choir, Reiko Oda Lane, director

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.

Reading "Putting the Pieces Together," by Rev. Amanda Poppei

Music *Everything Possible*

Fred Small
UUSF Choir; Mark Sumner, director

Time of Prayer/Meditation

Rev. Laura Shennum

Honoring Helen Chionsini

**Children/youth exit to classes during doxology.

Offering

Today's donation will go towards **Edgewood Center for Children and Families**. Edgewood Center for Children and Families is a leading mental health care, social services, and academic support organization in the San Francisco Bay Area. Established in 1851, it offers over 15 programs in San Francisco and San Mateo counties, providing prevention, early intervention, community-based services, intensive programs, and residential care to over two thousand children and youth annually. Edgewood is expanding its services to meet the growing needs of Bay Area children, youth, and families. The organization is broadening outreach, identifying new growth channels, and realigning outpatient services to meet the growing needs of its clients. Additionally, Edgewood has re-established a teaching institute for research, advocacy, and educational programs to train the next generation of providers. The organization's vision is to empower everyone to live life with understanding, confidence, strength, and joy. More information at <https://edgewood.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, 05-05-24 "Sunday Plate"



Offertory *The Parting Glass*

Irish Folk Song; arr. Daniel Wynkoop
UUSF Choir, Andrew Kessler, director

Youth Reflections

Claire Cover, Bree Shennum, Charlie Zwibelman

Gifts to the Seniors

Rev. Laura Shennum and Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

*Hymn 118

This Little Light of Mine

LATIMER

Reiko Oda Lane, organist

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*Benediction

Postlude The Rejoicing - Bourree - Minuet Finale [The Royal Fireworks]

G F Handel
Reiko Oda Lane, organist

*Please rise in body or spirit.



PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leaders

Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of Congregational Life
Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister
Youth: Claire Cover, Bree Shennum, Charlie Zwibelman
Galen Workman, Trustee

Sunday Support

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

Musicians

Reiko Oda Lane,
Organist & Bell Choir Director
UUSF Bell Choir
UUSF Choir
Mark Sumner, Music Director
Andrew Kessler, Guest Director
Wm. García Ganz, Pianist



Flowers today are in loving memory of our friend Barbara Conahan.

2024 SENIOR BIOGRAPHIES



Claire Cover is a 17-year-old graduating from Abraham Lincoln High School, and she is very excited to be attending University of California San Diego (UCSD) for theater in the fall! When not in rehearsal, Claire likes spending time with friends, singing, and reading (especially classic literature).



Nicholas Fortunato is the son of Gino Fortunato and Laura Meyer. He is a graduating senior at the International High School (French American) of San Francisco. He is a traveler who has been to France, Taiwan, Myanmar, Turkey, Italy, India, Canada, Mexico, Belize, Guatemala, Hungary, Austria, England, Scotland, Ireland, Switzerland, the Bahamas, Puerto Rico, and the Czech Republic. Additionally, he has over 30 Junior Ranger badges from visits to national parks in the United States. He is fluent in French and speaks some Italian. In the fall, he will be attending Seattle University to study psychology. Someday, he hopes to help those with mental health issues. You can find his street and landscape photography on Instagram at @nick.photonato. His work has also appeared in photography shows and ezines.



Over the past four years, **Graham Hart** has spent his time running on Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory's (SHC) track and cross country teams, playing guitar and saxophone in a concert band, and sailing on the SF Bay. He is excited to attend UCLA in the fall to study mechanical engineering.



Miles Arlo Dakin Perez-Davis is graduating from Cedar Academy in the Chawanakee Unified School District, in the Sierras just south of Yosemite. Since second grade, UUSF has been his church home, and he deeply values the formative years spent there and his friendships with other youth. He wishes he could be there in person today. After graduation, he is going to continue his creative pursuits, studying illustration and creative writing, starting his college journey at Fresno City College.



My name is **Riley Reynolds**, and I'm an 18-year-old graduating from Balboa High School this year. I've been in the UU community since 2nd grade. I am planning to attend Cal Lutheran University to double major in biology and psychology. After college, I'm hoping to have a public service career, such as an EMT or a psychiatric nurse. My interests include backpacking, fashion, video games, taking care of my plants, and camping. I am so grateful to have been a part of the UU community, and I hope to visit again soon.



Bree Shennum is a graduating senior at Oakland School for the Arts, where she spent her last two years of high school in the theater pathway. Outside of school, she is a member of Berkeley Repertory Theater's Teen Leadership Council and an employee at a local independent bookstore. Unitarian Universalism raised her in the coveted role of the preacher's kid, occasionally joining her mom behind the pulpit. Bree is currently choosing between colleges and plans to pursue theater in her college career.



Charlie Zwibelman will be graduating from Branson School, where he is student body president, a writer for the school newspaper, and a baseball player. He will attend Grinnell College in Iowa and continue his baseball career as a Grinnell Pioneer. In his free time, Charlie enjoys hanging out with friends, playing cards and video games, and playing with his dog Daisy. Teresa Goebel and Michael Zwibelman are parents.

Come, Come, Whoever You Are

188

$\text{♩} = 56$

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Come, come, who - ev - er you are, wan - der - er,

②



wor - ship - er, lov - er of leav - ing. Ours is no car - a - van

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of de - spair. Come, yet a - gain come.

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Words: Adapt. from Rumi, 1207-1273
⊕ Music: Lynn Adair Ungar, 1963-

PILGRIMAGE
Irregular



This Little Light of Mine 118

$\text{♩} = 80$

1. This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine.
 2. Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine.
 3. Build - ing up a world, I'm gon-na let it shine.

Oh Oh

This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine.
 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine.
 Build - ing up a world, I'm gon-na let it shine.

Oh

This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine. Let it
 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine. Let it
 Build - ing up a world, I'm gon-na let it shine. Let it

Oh

shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Words & music: African American spiritual, c. 1750-1875,
 harmony by Horace Clarence Boyer, 1935-

LATTIMER
 Irregular

COMMITMENT AND ACTION



STARR KING WAY Performance Series



Our Town by Thornton Wilder

Friday, June 7 at 6:30 pm, TSK Room

Members of *Our UUSF Community* will perform a prepared reading of Thornton Wilder's quintessential American play, *Our Town*, on the evening of June 7th, 2024. Featured as part of our new Starr King Way Performance Series (SKWPS), it will be presented in the Thomas Starr King Room, where a New Hampshire pancake dinner with real, 'better than Vermont' maple syrup will be shared with the gathered. Secure a 6:30 p.m. reserved place at the "Grovers Corners" table by emailing **Mark Sumner** at snrgwtme@gmail.com or texting 415-309-0150. There is a \$15 suggested donation to cover food and drink and an additional \$10 to support SKWPS and get it off to a great start. The event is being co-directed by Bruce Clements and Mark Sumner.



Classical Guitarist Eric Hamilton in Concert

Sunday, June 9 at 1:30 pm, Sanctuary

Reflective of the UUSF mission, Eric presents a guitar program of vibrant, joyous (among a myriad of other emotions on raw display), always caring, and inclusive music. Music that brings us major composers from throughout the past five centuries: Bach, Dowland, Weiss, DeFalla, Tarrega, Albeniz, and more, and from across the globe: England, Germany, France, Spain, Asia, and North, Central, and South America! Eric Hamilton is thrilled to be celebrating his 20th year in service to UUSF as a guest guitar soloist for morning worship and fellowship, and he is especially excited to be the premier performer in the new Performance Series.



Website: <https://www.uusf.org/skwps>

TODAY!

Black, Indigenous, and People of Color Gathering: May 5 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.

Palestine, Israel, and The U.S. Empire. Sunday Forum with Richard Becker - May 5, 9:30 am TSK Room/Zoom

The ongoing conflict in Palestine and other Middle Eastern countries has worsened since October 7, with 30,000 Palestinian civilian deaths and 70,000 injuries, potentially leading to a broader international nuclear conflict. Protests demand the US to end its support for the Israeli government, but so far, no avail. Richard Becker, the Western regional coordinator of the ANSWER Coalition, offers insights on actions to ensure justice and equality. A light breakfast will be offered at 9:00 am. Zoom Link: <https://bit.ly/20240505ForumUU> +1 669 444 9171. Meeting ID: 975 1881 0812, Passcode: 559224

Newcomer Orientation - Sunday, May 5, 12:30 pm, Fahs Room

Newcomers are welcome to join us in the Fahs 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.

Budget Season is nigh! This week UUSF offered several Budget Q & A sessions, including one today in Stebbins (or via Zoom) at 12:30pm. Zoom: <https://bit.ly/UUSFQABudgetMay5>

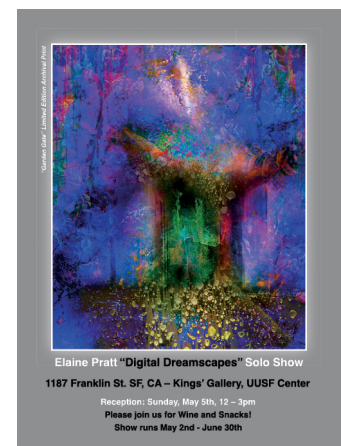
Team LL (Lori Lai and Laura Ludwig) are ready to field your questions. On Sunday, May 19th, the congregation votes on the budget. Also, if you have yet to get your FY25 Pledge form in, please do so in the next few days. We have almost three dozen member households that have not yet declared what their pledge will be. Help us accurately project Pledges by getting yours in if you haven't already done so! Together, we make a heavy lift—not so heavy to keep UUSF Programs, worship, and Operations on track! Every pledged dollar delivers impact!

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The Pagan Interest Circle Invites Pagans, Families, Friends and, All Who Are Respectfully Curious, to Dance Around The Maypole May 5th, After the Worship Service. Make a Wreath! Hear a Maypole Story! Dance around the Maypole! We meet in the Courtyard after church to make our flower-wreath May Crowns before our Beltane Celebration. We are at a cross-quarter on the Wheel of the Year, at the midpoint between Spring Equinox and Summer Solstice. Wiccans call it the time to Celebrate the Wedding of the Goddess and God. We all call it the time to Celebrate All of Life and Love. Bring a bag lunch or some snacks. If you can, bring some flowers (we can't have too many flowers!) Wreath-making is right after the worship service. We hope to begin the Maypole Dance as close to 1:00 - 1:15 pm as possible.

New Art Show and Reception! - Sunday, May 5 after church in the King Rooms

Elaine Pratt's new artwork entitled "Dreamscapes" showing in the Kings Gallery until June 30. Elaine creates abstract works using layers of photos and drawings, layered and masked in Photoshop for texture, color, and shape. The process is immersive and meditative, with meaning emerging from the complexity of the technique. Inspired by nature, science, energy, and emotions, Elaine embraces the happy accident and allows the image to evolve and communicate for herself.



HAPPENINGS

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>



UUSF All Church Retreat! - Saturday, May 25 - Mon, May 27

The CYO Retreat Center in Sonoma Country offers a rejuvenating retreat experience with friends and family. Participants can enjoy s'mores, singing songs, and stargazing at the campfire. The center features comfortable dormitory cabins, showers, bathrooms, a swimming pool, pond for canoeing, archery, tennis, basketball courts, and beautiful trails. Age 3 and under are free, while other participants pay \$250. Participants can contact Alicia Cover at acover@uusf.org for questions. The deadline is May 12. Register: <https://bit.ly/UUSFRetreat2024>. To apply for a scholarship: <https://bit.ly/UusfRetreatScholarship>. The deadline for scholarships is May 5.



Sign Up to Volunteer for the Interfaith Food Pantry - Saturday, May 11

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)

Uprisings, Upstarts, and Updates—San Francisco—Summer 2024 - Forum on May 12, 9:30 am TSK Room/Zoom

Tim Redmond, a renowned UUSF Forum speaker, will discuss the latest local, national, and international news, particularly focusing on the fall election. He will discuss the need for candidates to address San Francisco's persistent poverty, drug addiction, and homelessness. Redmond, a political and investigative reporter with over 30 years of experience, will discuss the importance of candidates with urban management experience, success records, and ability to work with law enforcement agencies while promoting free speech. Zoom link and more at <https://www.uusf.org/forum>

YA Outing: Sundown Cinema - Selena - Friday, May 17, 7:30pm - 9:30pm, Dolores Park

For our next young adult social, we'll be going to watch the iconic film Selena at Sundown Cinema in Dolores Park. The film is about the true story of Selena, a Texas-born Tejano singer who rose from cult status to performing at the Astrodome, as well as having chart-topping albums on the Latin music charts, and stars Jennifer Lopez. This is a free event! The event starts at 6 p.m., and the film screening begins after sunset (around 8 p.m.). Try to arrive around 7:30 p.m. so that we can grab a good spot and socialize before the film starts. It can get chilly out there, so bring a blanket and plenty of cozy clothes to keep warm! If you'd like to attend, register at the link below; this will help us find each other on the night! If you have any questions, email Emma at ewakeling@uusf.org. Register at <https://bit.ly/3w6tLsf>

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 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/>



"When Legacy Propels Boldness"

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

Sunday, April 28, 10:50 am, 2024