

Welcome to the First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco

Families and Children

Interested in learning about our Family Ministry and Sunday School programs?

Visit our website (www.uusf.org/family-ministry-classes-and-programs)

Questions? Rev. Alyson Jacks, ajacks@uusf.org or 415-776-4580.

Take a Seat

For people with chemical sensitivities, there is a scent-free zone, at the front of the right aisle. For people with service animals, please find marked area on left aisle.

Hearing impaired? Just ask an usher for an assistance device.

Candles

At the front of the sanctuary may be lit at any time as a silent sign of gratitude or concern.

Fill Out A Yellow Visitor Card

Let us know who you are by filling out a yellow visitor card. We'll send you our weekly e-mail, The Flame, and our monthly newsletter, FirstNews.

Tour of the Church (Sundays)

Meet your guide at the foot of the Chancel at 12:15 PM.

Stay For Coffee Hour and Conversation

Coffee hour will follow the service in the TSK Room or Courtyard.

Bookcorner

Open on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month following the service.

People Ages 18 to 39

Stop by the 20s & 30s table in the Gallery after Worship to meet the young adult community and learn about upcoming events. Questions?

Email youngadults@uusf.org or call 415-590-7836.

Humanists And Non-Theists Discussions

12:30 PM most Sundays in the Fireside Room.

Newcomer Orientation

First Sunday of each month at 12:30 PM.

Invitation To Membership - February 2 (email ajacks@uusf.org)

1st Sunday of alternate months. Info: www.uusf.org/membership

Please go to www.uusf.org/newsletters current church activities.

Minister's Book Group

Wednesday, January 29, 6:30 PM - 8PM & Thursday, January 30, 12PM- 1:30 PM

Led by Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister

"An Indigenous People's History of the United States" by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz. This book is the suggested Common Read for the denomination for the year and rightly so. We will have two chances for folks to join in a conversation: Wednesday, January 29, 6:30-8PM or Thursday, January 30, noon-1:30 PM. Please RSVP to jchapot@uusf.org.

New UU: A one-session class for prospective members

Saturday, January 18, 10AM to 1PM

Led by Rev. Alyson Jacks and Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

Interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism and our congregation? This informal and interactive one-session class, led by Revs. Jacks and Southern will help you become more familiar with our community and our faith tradition. Register at www.bit.ly/newuujan2020

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Since its founding in 1850 this congregation has been a beacon of religious liberalism in this city. During the Civil War, the Rev. Thomas Starr King was credited with keeping California in the Union. He also challenged racism, raised millions for humanitarian relief and inspired new efforts in education.

Unitarianism and Universalism in America both arose in New England during the American Revolution. Because the roots of both traditions are in the Judeo-Christian tradition, you will see on the walls of our sanctuary two inscriptions:

"What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?" (from the Hebrew prophet Micah) and "The Kingdom of God is within you." (from the Gospels)

Our religious forebears were far more interested in the teaching examples of Jesus than in beliefs about Jesus. Today we agree more about how we strive to treat others than we do about beliefs. Our backgrounds and spiritual orientations are diverse. Among us are people who consider themselves atheists, agnostics, humanists, Christians, Jews, Buddhists, Muslims, Pagans and people guided by other forms of spirituality and belief.

Belief is many things, and so is disbelief. But we are interested in what happens to us when we open our minds to wider truth, our hearts to compassion, and our souls to the call to work for justice and peace.

If you are interested in learning more, we invite you to a Newcomers Orientation usually held on the first Sunday of each month following the service. At the Welcome Table you will find pamphlets and other information. For more about our congregation, please visit our website at www.uusf.org.

In a career spanning more than thirty years, **Roy Zimmerman's** songs have been heard on HBO and Showtime, and his videos have garnered tens of millions of views on social media. With his satirical folk quartet The Foremen he recorded for Warner/Reprise Records. Roy has shared stages with Bill Maher, Ellen DeGeneres, Holly Near, Robin Williams, Arlo Guthrie, John Oliver, The Roches, Andy Borowitz, The Chambers Brothers, Kate Clinton and George Carlin. www.royzimmerman.com

**Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. King Day
Interfaith Activities**
Monday, January 20, 11AM (March)
From Caltrain Depot at 4th and Townsend
"The Time for Justice"



Religious Experience and the Ascent of Mount Ventoux

Sunday, January 12, 2020

11:00 AM

Order of Service
Sunday, January 12, 2020
11:00 AM to 12:15 PM

Prelude *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* John Wyeth (1813)
Go Tell It on the Mountain
Reiko Oda Lane, organ

Opening and Welcome Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister

***Hymn 20** *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE
Ben Rudiak-Gould, song leader

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.

Brief Invitations Scott Benbow, Trustee

Greeting One Another

When I breathe in, I'll breathe in peace.
When I breathe out, I'll breathe out love.

***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.

The children and teachers depart for classes on the second stanza. If you want your child to attend Sunday School, meet in the gallery following the children's recessional, or ask for assistance in the church office. **Rev. Jacks (ajacks@uusf.org)** can answer questions or address special needs.

Special Announcement Linda Harris

Ritual of Remembrance and Commitment Rev. Southern

Music *Rise Up* Roy Zimmerman
Roy Zimmerman, guitar and vocals

Times of Spoken and Silent Meditation

Reflection Sam King, Worship Associate

Offertory Sam King

The offering will be given to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC), to advance human rights through grassroots collaborations around the world. Any checks not marked "pledge" will go towards UUSC. Thank you!

Offertory Music *You Can't Unring That Bell* Roy Zimmerman

Reading

Music *Everybody (Is Everybody Else)* Roy Zimmerman

Sermon *Religious Experience* Rev. Vanessa Southern
and the Ascent of Mount Ventoux

***Hymn 205** *Amazing Grace!* Amazing Grace

***Benediction**

(Please be seated until after the Postlude)

Postlude *Amazing Grace* Early American Hymn Tune
(arr. Gilbert Martin)

** Please rise as you are able.*

After the Service Today

Luncheon Celebration of UUSC & UUSF Human Rights Work

Immigration Justice Work Focus - 12:15 PM, TSK Room (TODAY)

Special Speaker Hope Frye, Executive Director of Project Lifeline

We will be having a special luncheon and program co-sponsored by our local UUSC Committee and our **Social Justice Committee's Human Rights Working Group**. The luncheon will celebrate both the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's 80+ years of work for human rights and social justice around the world and our own congregation's engagement in this work with a special focus on immigration justice work. \$10

Winter Shelter Breakfast Program Needs Volunteers!

From February 10 to February 29 UUSF will be the host community for the meal and housing program. We need people from 5AM to 7:30 AM to work as a 6-person team to prepare and serve the breakfast and then to clean up after the meal. **A sign-up table will be located in the Gallery after the Sunday service for the next several weeks.**

Questions? wintershelter@uusf.org

Cards of Care, Cards of Gratitude (2nd sunday)

12:15 PM, Gallery (TODAY)

Please stop by the table in the gallery after the service today to write a card to someone who may need a cheerful greeting, sympathy, well wishes or a thank you! We will stamp and mail them. (Second Sunday each month)

Singletarian Potluck (2nd sunday) 2PM, Kincaid Room (TODAY)

Bring potluck items to share. Singletarian Potluck happens each month on the second Sunday. Questions? **Karen** at 415-613-2061.

Humanists & Non-Theists: 6PM, Fireside Room (TODAY)

"Democratic Equality and Democratic Dialog"

Equality is the goal; dialog, the method. These two forms of democracy are interwoven. When we engage in democratic dialog and form democratic relationships, we democratize society and help establish freedom from oppression and the freedom to the means required for all to live a good life.

Upcoming

Social Justice Action: Wednesday Morning Rush Hour!

Wednesday, January 15, 7:30 AM to 9AM

Please join our witness with signs and leaflets to those in rush hour traffic in front of our sanctuary every Wednesday morning from 7:30-9AM. Questions? Email neveragain@uusf.org

Auction Volunteer Meeting: Sunday, Jan. 19, 12:30 PM

There will be an important meeting for all volunteers for the upcoming Feb. 1 Auction and Gala Celebration. Please come learn how you can help!

Sunday Forum - January 2020 - 9:30 AM, MLK Room

January 19: Virginia, member of the Bay Area steering committee of the Poor People's Campaign will speak on the campaign's aims and plans.

January 26: Professor Susan Bartlett Foote, author of *The Crusade for Forgotten Souls* will speak about how to win a campaign for better mental health care -- a discussion moderated by Rev. John Buehrens.

Community Suppers: An Opportunity To Host

Happening Next Spring 2020! A great way we connect with one another is through potluck Community Suppers, hosted by a member in their home -- on an evening of their choice. The guests are from a list of folks who've said they want to attend a supper. The only requirement is that you have room to host at least five people. Questions? **Peter Gross** at pwgross@sbcglobal.net.

Millie Phillips Ordination: Jan. 26 at 6PM, Sanctuary

Millie is a long time member and lay leader in the congregation who completed her studies at the Starr King School for the Ministry and was cleared for ordination this past spring by the denomination. As is the custom of Unitarian Universalism it is a congregation that ordains people into ministry and ours voted this fall at a special meeting to ordain Millie. A reception with food and beverages will follow in the Martin Luther King room. Please let us know if you can join us by responding (this will help us plan the scope of the festivities that day)! Please go to bit.ly/Millie2020 to RSVP!

MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY - Auction and Gala Celebration!

Save the Date: Saturday, February 1st!

The theme this year is the Mad Hatter's Tea Party. Start thinking about which one of your hats you are going to wear -- the more whimsical, the better! We will need volunteers, auction items and your participation. Tickets are \$25 for adults or two tickets for \$45 and \$8 for people under 18. Go to our website at uusf.org or bit.ly/uuauktion2019 to buy tickets or visit our table located in the Gallery after church. Questions? **Julia Wald** at Jpwald@waldlawyers.com

The Auction Committee is looking for special items we can include in our Silent Auction. We are particularly interested in items that are "experiences" that you can provide and share with other members. This could be putting together a picnic for 8 people to attend the SF Mime Troupe's new production this summer or hosting dinner for 4 to 8 people at your home. We invite you to use your imaginations!