First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco



Sunday, March 22, 2020, 11:00 AM



Order of Service Sunday, March 22, 2020 11:00 AM to 12:15 PM

Prelude

Reiko Oda Lane, organ

Prelude in E-flat Major, BWV 552 by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)

Opening Body Meditation and Welcome

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister

*Hymn 346 Come, Sing a Song with Me A ROSE IN WINTER My-Hoa Steger, piano; Michele Kennedy and Asher Davison, songleaders

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Unison Chalice Lighting

We light this chalice for the light of truth, the warmth of love, and the fire of commitment.

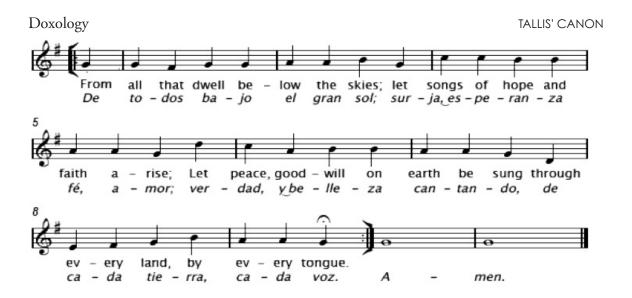
We light this symbol of our faith as we gather together.

Brief Invitations

Rev. Alyson Jacks, Associate Minister

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.



Ritual of Remembrance and Commitment

Rev. Alyson Jacks

Spoken and Silent Meditation

Meditation on Breathing

Reflection

Joe Chapot, Office Assistant & Young Adult Coordinator

Music Michele Kennedy, soprano; Asher Davison, bass; My-Hoa Steger, piano I'm Just a Poor, Wayfaring Stranger trad. American, arr. Horace Clarence Boyer and Asher Davison



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Reading

from The Minister's Wooing by Harriet Beecher Stowe

Solo

Michele Kennedy, soprano; My-Hoa Steger, piano

Sunset by Florence Price (1857-1953)

Sermon

Are We Saved?

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister

*Hymn 131

Love Will Guide Us

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Benediction

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

Postlude

Reiko Oda Lane, organ

Fugue in E-flat Major, St. Anne BWV 552 by Johann Sebastian Bach

*Hymn lyrics on pages 4, 5, 6

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Today's Prelude and Postlude were selected to celebrate Johann Sebastian Bach's 335th birthday on March 21,1685. They are taken from the <u>recorded performance</u> on Sunday, January 28, 2018 which was for the Re-Dedication Concert of our Noehren Organ. These pieces were selected to also honor the 18th anniversary this month of the passing of our beloved UUSF Minister of Music, Alex Post..... our birthday wishes also go to Judy Nichols and Ken Keep - Happy Birthday!

Service Notes

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister; Rev. Alyson Jacks, Associate Minister; Joe Chapot, Office Assistant & Young Adult Coordinator

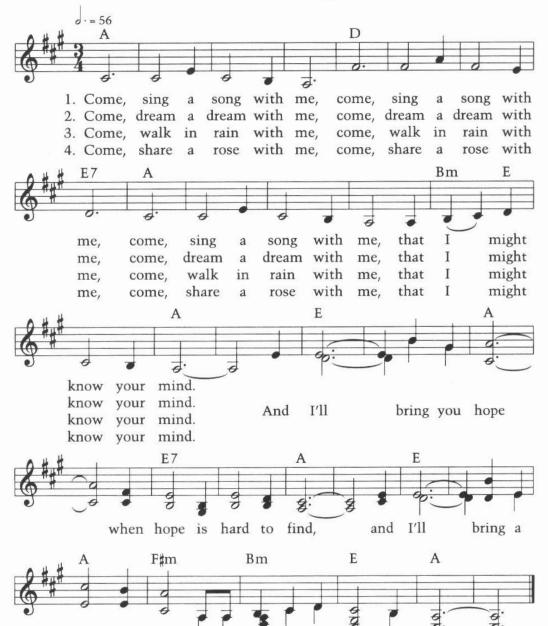
Audio and Video Team

Jonathan Silk; Eric Shackelford

Musicians

Reiko Oda Lane, organ; My-Hoa Steger, piano; Asher Davison and Michele Kennedy, soloists

346 Come, Sing a Song with Me

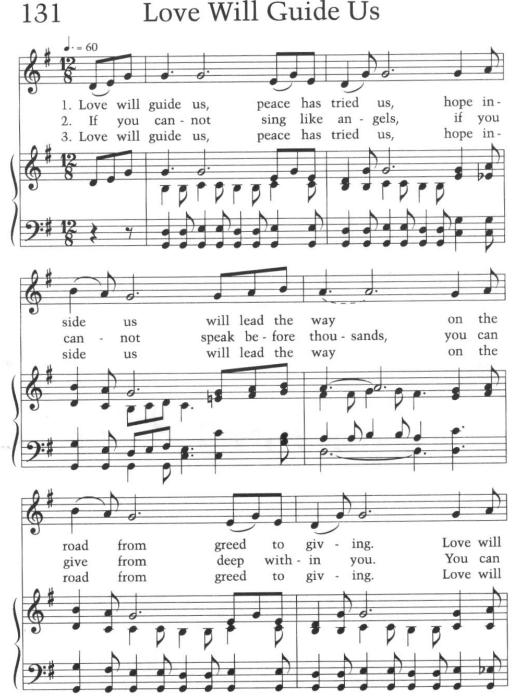


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song

Love Will Guide Us



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Music: Traditional, arr. by Betty A. Wylder, 1923-, © 1992 Unitarian Universalist Association



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What's Coming Up? Ways to Connect in These Times

Virtual Coffee Hour: Starting at 12:15 PM, as soon as worship ends today, join us!

Join via Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/725737157

Meeting ID: 725 737 157

One tap mobile: +16699006833,,725737157# US (San Jose)

Minister's Book Club: Join by Zoom or phone!

"White Fragility" by Robin DiAngelo

Wednesday, March 25, 6:30 PM - 8PM & Thursday, March 26, 12PM - 1:30 PM

Led by Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister

You must RSVP Vanessa at <u>vrsouthern@uusf.org</u> or contact her by phone to get the information to join us for next weeks Book Club.

We will offer another chance for folks to read and discuss "White Fragility" by Educator Dr. Robin DiAngelo. This 150-page book is packed with information and frame-shifting invitations (and shoves) for white folks about issues of race and how to talk about and think about it. The book group will be divided into white caucusing groups and a group for people of color, each with its own facilitator. The book is a must-read, I think, for all of us, but especially for white folks. Last year people got a lot out of reading it, but especially got a lot out of the discussions so please join!

What would you like to see happen or like to host?

Send your ideas to Senior Minister, Vanessa Rush Southern at VRSouthern@uusf.org

Or if it is an Adult Education/Spiritual Growth programming idea send it to Associate Minister, Alyson Jacks, at AJacks@uusf.org

If you have pastoral needs (everything from wanting to talk about the strain of these times to being worried about needing food delivered) e-mail our Ministerial Intern, **Sharon Weld**, at **SWeld@uusf.org**

20s & 30s Community Craft Time

Tuesday, March 23, 8PM

Whether for fun or therapy, the young adults are gathering for an evening of arts and crafts.

Join via Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/181918881

Meeting ID: 181 918 881

One tap mobile: +16699006833,,181918881# US (San Jose)

Becoming Together.

Wednesday, March 25, 7:30 PM

People ages 18 to 39 are invited to our bi-monthly reflection group, now online!

Join via Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/528041659

Meeting ID: 528 041 659

One Tap Mobile: +16699006833,,528041659# US

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Welcome to the First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco

Since its founding in 1850 our 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.







