

First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco



A Welcoming Community

Sunday, June 14, 2020, 10:50 AM



Order of Service
Sunday, June 14, 2020
10:50 AM to 12:15 PM

Livestreamed at <http://www.youtube.com/c/UUSFMedia>

Prelude

Fugue - Ciacona in d-minor

Reiko Oda Lane, organist
Johann Pacehlbel

Opening and Welcome

Rev. Alyson Jacks, Associate Minister

Hymn 114

Forward Through the Ages

ST. GERTRUDE

Reiko Oda Lane; Ben Rudiak-Gould, song leader

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Unison Chalice Lighting

Sharon Weld, Ministerial Intern

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.

Invitations

Call to Worship

Kinderszenen (*Scenes from Childhood*) Op. 15

No. 1 Of Foreign Lands and Peoples No. 3 Blind Man's Bluff

Jennifer Peringer, pianist

Robert Schumann

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.

Ritual of Remembrance and Commitment

Rev. Alyson Jacks

Spoken and Silent Meditation

Music

Kinderszenen No. 7 Dreaming No. 11 Frightening

Jennifer Peringer

Schumann

Reading

“The Story of the Circle” by Mercy Amba Oduyoye

Offertory

[The offering today goes to support the work and ministries of the congregation.](#)



Music

Simple Gifts

Early American Shaker Hymn arr. James Southbridge

Reiko Oda Lane

Reading

“In The Midst of a World” by Rev. Rebecca Parker

Music

No. 12 Child Falling Asleep No. 13 The Poet Speaks

Jennifer Peringer
Schumann

Sermon

A Welcoming Community

Sharon Weld

Hymn 318

We Would Be One

FINLANDIA

[\(CLICK HERE OR SCROLL DOWN TO PAGES 7 & 8 TO VIEW HYMN\)](#)

Benediction

Sharon Weld

Postlude

Toccata in d-minor, Op. 59.

Reiko Oda Lane, organist
Max Reger



PARTICIPANTS

Service Notes

Sharon Weld, Ministerial Intern; Rev. Alyson Jacks, Associate Minister

Technology

Jonathan Silk, livestream sound; Eric Shackelford, camera;
Joe Chapot, social media; Alex Darr, remote zoom

Musicians

Reiko Oda Lane, organist; Jennifer Peringer, pianist; Ben Rudiak-Gould, songleader

June 21 Worship Service LiveStream

"Lost Stories"

June 19th, every year, also known as Juneteenth, Freedom Day, Black Forth of July, is the day in The United States that we commemorate June 19, 1865, when two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation was implemented, enslaved African Americans in parts of the South finally got word of their liberation. As we commemorate that date we will look at the history of lost stories, as part of the legacy of slavery and the founding fabric of the United States. We will tell the story of Bilali.

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<https://www.uusf.org/pledge>

114 Forward through the Ages

$\text{♩} = 126$

1. For-ward through the a - ges, in un - bro - ken line,
 2. Wid - er grows the vi - sion, realm of love and light;
 3. Not a - lone we con - quer, not a - lone we fall;

move the faith - ful spir - its at the call di - vine:
 for it we must la - bor, till our faith is sight.
 in each loss or tri - umph lose or tri - umph all.

gifts in dif - fering meas - ure, hearts of one ac - cord,
 Proph - ets have pro - claimed it, mar - tyrs tes - ti - fied,
 Bound by God's far pur - pose in one liv - ing whole,

man - i - fold the serv - ice, one the sure re - ward.
 po - ets sung its glo - ry, he - roes for it died.
 move we on to - geth - er to the shin - ing goal.

⊕ Words: Frederick Lucian Hosmer, 1840-1929
 Music: Arthur Seymour Sullivan, 1842-1900

ST. GERTRUDE
 6.5.6.5. Triple

COMMITMENT AND ACTION

For-ward through the a - ges, in un-bro-ken line,
move the faith - ful spir - its at the call di - vine.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 8/8. The lyrics are: "For-ward through the a - ges, in un-bro-ken line, move the faith - ful spir - its at the call di - vine." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

COMMITMENT AND ACTION

$\text{♩} = 69$

1. We would be one as now we join in sing-ing
2. We would be one in build-ing for to - mor - row

our hymn of love, to pledge our - selves a - new
a no - bler world than we have known to - day.

to that high cause of great - er un - der - stand - ing
We would be one in search-ing for that mean-ing

of who we are, and what in us is true.
which binds our hearts and points us on our way.

⊕ Words: Samuel Anthony Wright, 1919—
Music: Jean Sibelius, 1865–1957, arr. from *The Hymnal*, 1933,
© 1933, renewed 1961 Presbyterian Board of Christian Education

FINLANDIA
11.10.11.10.11.10.

We would be one in liv - ing for each oth - er
As one, we pledge our - selves to great - er ser - vice,

to show to all a new com - mu - ni - ty.
with love and jus - tice, strive to make us free.

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



Virtual Coffee Hour: Starts at 12:15 PM

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

Meeting ID: 725 737 157

Dial by Phone: +1-669-900-6833 (San Jose)

Wish Guidance on Using Zoom?

There are a variety of ways you can learn how to connect through Zoom.

The Church has prepared a Guide that explains the Zoom system, and all the basics you need to know in using the system. To access the Guide, [click here](#).

You can also access brief on-line tutorials on Zoom To see an example of these tutorials (on how to join a Zoom meeting) [click here](#).

During these times we want you to have our e-mail information handy. Please reach out to your ministers for any reason -- you are having a hard time (or know someone who is); you have a great idea for our new version of shared life in these times (or know someone with skills we could use in this chapter of life together); and because you don't know who to call about what's on your mind. Keep these handy:

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

Annual Congregational Meeting

Today at 12:30 PM on ZOOM

[\(REGISTER HERE\)](#)

June 14th (TODAY) is our Annual Meeting; held each June in compliance with our Bylaws. The meeting takes place shortly after services.

The Annual Meeting celebrates the 2019-20 church year with the presentation of the **Anne Dillon award**, the selection of new Board and Nominating Committee members ([click here](#)), a reading of the **May Treat Morrison trust**,

[**Register for this meeting today.**](#)

You will receive a personalized video link from Zoom.

Celebrate Sharon Weld, our Intern

Sharon Weld who has been our beloved **Ministerial Intern** this year will finish her time with us on June 30th. In service on Sunday, June 28th we will offer her a few tokens of our affection. Since we won't be together, please send any cards of good wishes and celebration or gifts. **Mary Jane Mikuriya** will be collecting them at her home so please send them:

Sharon Weld
c/o Mary Jane Mikuriya
361 Mississippi St.
San Francisco CA 94107



WELCOMING THE DAY

A (Potentially) Daily Spiritual Practice

Rev. John Buehrens and Rev. Margot Campbell Gross

Monday, June 15 is the final day to attend "Welcoming the Day" before it goes on summer break.

Too many of us awaken to the (sometimes overwhelmingly) bad news of the day. To incoming emails or texts asking us to do those things that we either know that we don't want to do, or that we don't feel capable of doing. How we start each day can shape the whole day and our presence and attitude in it. During this disruptive time of sheltering in place, self-isolation and physical distancing, John and Margot you join them by Zoom, weekly on Monday mornings, To explore how to begin, deepen, and sustain a spiritual practice of "Welcoming the Day" Although both are inspired by the spiritual practice of the late **Dr. Harry Scholefield**, This is not a "one size fits all" approach to spiritual resilience. Far from it! Please join us.

Join via Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/976297377?pwd=cXVmY2lEVjhFUUszeTVtQitMUlZOdz09>

Meeting ID: 976 297 377

Password: 591440

Dial by Phone: +1-669-900-6833 US (San Jose)

Small Group Ministries

At a time when shelter in place and COVID-19 are making all of us feel vulnerable and disconnected, Small Group Ministries is a safe and nurturing place where congregation members can find a deep way to connect.

- * **A place to belong and to care for each other.** Each group, with about ten people, meets twice monthly to share important parts of our lives. We practice deep listening, which enables us to form lasting friendships and a stronger community, and to minister to one another.
- * **A way to connect our lives to our spiritual needs.** We offer a place to consider and act on our common values. Together we explore important questions and strive to live our values through service to our church and the larger community.
- * **A community open to church members, friends and visitors.** All who agree to try SGM for four sessions, respect members' privacy, attend gatherings consistently, follow group agreements, and welcome new members are invited to join.

Four week summer sessions are being offered each Sunday in August from 1 to 3 p.m. If there is sufficient interest, we will also offer a group in July. At a time when being able to connect, support one another and find spiritual growth, Small Group Ministries offer a meaningful resource to the First Unitarian Universalist community.

Are you new to Zoom or need support on how to participate in the sessions online? No problem! Let the co-coordinators know and they can provide a tutorial and support.

To sign up for the summer sessions contact or if you have questions?

Chair: **Barbara Kovacs** Phone: 415-370-9766

Chair: **Gregg Biggs** Phone: 415-505-4690

Email: sgm@uusf.org

[Sign-Up Here](#)

Write To It: A 3-week Writing and Reflection Practice

Saturdays, June 20 and 27,
10AM to 12PM (On Zoom)

Led by Rev. Alyson Jacks, Associate Minister

In Write To It, participants are invited to spend time writing short daily reflections, memories or musings using suggested prompts. Each week, Rev. Jacks will provide a list of topics to help stir the imagination. Participants are encouraged to write daily, as they are able, writing no more than 300 words. We will meet on Saturday mornings to share in small groups, selecting 1 reflection to share. Write To It is open to anyone who likes to play with words, and those who want to try something new.

To Register, [click here](#)



Morning Metta Meditation

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 8-8:30 AM

Led by Elena Perez

The zoom link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75735734442>
(password metta)

Elena leads a simple, centering lovingkindness meditation practice which is appropriate for all religious backgrounds and levels of meditation experience. Attendees can choose to leave their microphone and camera off and just follow along. **Elena Perez** is a member of UUSE. She is a Licensed Acupuncturist who practices in SF at Dance With Life Chiropractic in the Inner Sunset, and in Fresno at Benessere Fresno. Questions? elena@communityneedles.com



SCW Community Grants Committee

The Society for Community Works Community (SCW) Grants Committee awards \$50,000 of grants to small local non-profits.

The committee is now seeking new members and grant applicants for 2020-21. Unlike many church committees, this committee only meets three times when it reviews and selects grantees.

Contact Thad Smith at 630smith@gmail.com if you are interested.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THIS YEAR'S UU GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS A DELEGATE?

This year, the annual all-UU meeting will be held in virtual space from June 24 - 28, so you won't even need to leave the safety of your home. Our Society can authorize seven delegates for the meeting. Delegates are able to vote on denominational issues (one of the issues this year has to do with investing ethically, for example). The meetings are dynamic, insightful and energizing. And one of the featured speakers in our own John Buehrens!

If you are interested in attending this meeting and are selected as an official delegate, the church will try to reimburse you for the \$150 registration fee. Non delegates are also encouraged to attend, but the registration fee will not be reimbursed and you would not be able to vote on denominational issues put before the membership.

Members interested in representing UUSF as a General Assembly delegate should contact Moderator [Carrie Steere-Salazar](#) or Senior Minister [Vanessa Rush Southern](#).

Public Events at UU General Assembly

This year UUA General Assembly is entirely online, and while it does still cost \$150 to participate in the full experience, there are free, public events that anyone can attend.

To view any of the follow event just go to this webpage: [UUA General Assembly Public Events](#)

A simple schedule for GA can be view here: [UUA General Assembly Summary Schedule \(West\)](#)

All times are Pacific

Thursday, June 25 at 3:00 p.m.

Synergy Bridging Worship

This is a transformative multigenerational worship. Come be inspired and illuminated at a celebration of treasured worship elements, rites of passage and brilliant contemporary musical performances. The service includes a collection to benefit the Katie Tyson Fund for Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

Friday, June 26 at 3:00 p.m.

Service of the Living Tradition

Led by the Ministries and Faith Development Staff Group, this service honors fellowship and credentialed religious leaders; remembering those who have died, recognizing those who have completed active service, and welcoming those who have received fellowship or credentialed status in the past year. The service includes a collection to benefit the Living Tradition Fund. Members of the public are welcome.

Sunday, June 28 at 10:00am

Sunday Morning Worship

Join us for the largest annual gathering of UUs joining in worship. The worship service will include a collection for the Tomaquag Museum, an indigenous museum featuring an extensive collection and archive of Southern New England tribal communities. Members of the public are welcome.

Several Times

General Sessions

Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) Co-Moderators Mr. Barb Greve and Elandria Williams preside over the general sessions in which the business of the Association is conducted.





Virtual Celebration of our Society for Community Work (SCW) Scholars

Sunday, June 28, 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (On Zoom)

The SCW Scholarship Committee invites you to come and meet our scholars in a virtual celebration of their accomplishments in spite of incredible odds!

Each year SCW awards scholarships for deserving students who have graduated from a San Francisco high school and are the first of their generation to attend college. Many of our students are immigrants, refugees or dreamers who have excelled in high school academics and are motivated to go on to college. All of them are bright, energetic and give us great hope for our collective future.

We have 15 continuing scholars from past years, and 6 new scholars who are just graduating from high school. Most years, we have thrown them all a lunch party so they can meet members of UUSF and get to know each other - but with our social distancing in place, we are moving our event on-line this year.

Please join us to meet these incredible young scholars and congratulate them on their accomplishments.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85867974048?pwd=R3FBMlhISXlSRGZwdzVZR2JGYUJBZz09>

Meeting ID: 858 6797 4048

Password: 696790

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85867974048?pwd=R3FBMlhISXlSRGZwdzVZR2JGYUJBZz09>

Upcoming 20s & 30s Community Online Events

20s & 30s Community Craft Time - Mondays at 8PM

Join via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86102627937?pwd=TDhWdytnZnU2Y0E2enNvUmFUNzgvdz09>

Meeting ID: 861 0262 7937

Password: 416671

Dial by Phone: +1-669-900-9128 (San Jose)

We'll have a crafty thing anyone can do at home, or bring your own craft project. We're just going to hang out and make art together.

Becoming Together - Wednesdays, June 24, 7PM

Join via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86280318257?pwd=Z0N3VDdQVXZrdHZOL2QvWGVCU3VqZz09>

Meeting ID: 862 8031 8257

Password: 210519

Dial by Phone: +1-669-900-9128 (San Jose)

All people ages 18 to 39 are invited to join us for 90 minutes of reflection and sharing.

Humanists and Non-Theists

Open Topic

Sunday, June 21, 1PM (On Zoom)

What's on your mind? Each of us will have the opportunity to suggest a topic.

We will then select a topic(s) to discuss for the remaining time we have. Join us by Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83772350623?pwd=OW1wNUhMZE1vSllldG5ialdPUHRYdz09>

Meeting ID: 837 7235 0623

One tap mobile

+16699006833,,83772350623#,,1#,991327# US (San Jose)

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Everybody's Got A Right to Live!

We Won't Be Silent Anymore!

Mass Poor People's Assembly and Moral March on Washington Digital Justice Gathering, June 20, 3pm PDT

The racial and economic disparities of the COVID-19 pandemic and the more recent police brutality against protesters nationwide make plainly apparent what has been true all along — that this society serves the interests of the rich, while ignoring the needs of the people who are poor or one emergency away from being poor.

In 1968, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and many others called for a “revolution of values” and sought to build a movement that could unite poor and dispossessed communities across the country. The Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival (PPC) is a continuation of this work, confronting the interlocking evils of systemic racism, poverty, climate change and ecological devastation, militarism and the war economy, and the distorted moral narrative of religious nationalism.

The UUA is an official part of the Poor People's Campaign (PPC). Together we demand that the 140 million poor and low-income people in our nation are no longer ignored, dismissed or pushed to the margins of our political and social agenda. UUSF's Economic Justice Working Group, Human Rights Working Group, and Social Justice Council encourage you to be part of the largest digital and social media gathering of poor and low-wealth people, moral and religious leaders, advocates, and people of conscience in this nation's history.

Please register here (<https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/june2020/>) to learn more and share this news.



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.

For more about our congregation,
please visit our website at www.uusf.org.

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