



"The Promise in the Desert"

Sunday, August 2, 2020, 10:50 AM

First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco



Order of Service
Sunday, August 2, 2020
10:50 AM to 12:15 PM

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

Prelude

Soliloquy

Larry Chinn, pianist

Toshiko Akiyoshi

Opening and Welcome

Hymn 23

Bring Many Names

WESTCHASE

Mark Sumner and Asher Davison, song leaders; Larry Chinn, pianist

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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.

Invitations

Sam King, Worship Associate

Meditation on Breathing

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.

Ritual of Remembrance and Commitment

Spoken and Silent Meditation

Music

Moon and Sand

Larry Chinn

William Engvick, Morty Palitz & Alec Wilder

Offertory

The offering today will go to the Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry of California.



UUJMCA believes justice as the natural expression of our Unitarian Universalist faith. By building a society that values the worth and dignity of all, promoting justice, equity and compassion

in human relations, actively moving towards a goal of peace, liberty and justice for all and transforming our world into one that respects the interdependent web of all existence we bring our values into areas of institutional change and advocacy.

UUJMCA is growing to support California UUs and congregations - exploring new ways to connect our communities, support existing and new justice leadership, collaborate on justice initiatives, and move us towards a world of universal, collective liberation.

Unique in its ability to cultivate the grassroots power of UUs and congregations, connect UUs to statewide partners, and join with national UU and issue-based advocacy organizations we are accountable to our partners in the work while continuing to offer [our statewide and regional trainings, skill-building and experiential learning opportunities](#) for those who wish to join in such efforts. We work in collaboration with partners and directly-impacted/front-line communities.

Your tax-deductible support allows UUs around California to embody our collective power as we create collaborative, sustainable, and faithful justice. Thank you in advance for your generous support. See <http://uujmca.org/> or send donations to **UUJMCA at 1731 Howe Ave, #579, Sacramento, CA 95825.**



Music

Lost in the Stars

Larry Chinn
Maxwell Anderson & Kurt Weill

Reading

"Hagar Writes a Letter to Sarah as a Cathartic Exercise Suggested by Her Therapist"
from *Hagar Poems* by Mohja Kahf

Music

We'll Meet Again

Larry Chinn
Ross Parker & Hughie Charles

Sermon "The Promise in the Desert"

Rev. Ranwa Hammamy

Hymn 331

Life Is The Greatest Gift of All

BROTHER JAMES' AIR

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Benediction

Postlude

After

Larry Chinn
Makoto Ozone

PARTICIPANTS

Service Notes

Rev. Ranwa Hammamy, Executive Director, UU Legislative Ministry of California;
Sam King, Worship Associate

Technology

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

Musicians

Larry Chinn, pianist; Mark Sumner, Songleader; Asher Davison, Songleader

FLOWER DEDICATION

In honor of the 100th Birthday
of Joseph Charles Akzam
(July 30, 2020 - December 13, 2017)
by the Society for Community Work.



ABOUT

Rev. Ranwa Hammamy (they/she) serves as the Executive Director of the Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry of California, which supports UUs around the state in their various justice ministries by providing advocacy, education, and witness opportunities to live out our UU values. Ranwa has previously served as President of DRUUMM (Diverse & Revolutionary Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Ministries), a national organization for UU People of Color. A self-described “UU-Muslim,” Ranwa seeks to serve both living traditions in her ministry, encouraging others both to grow and learn from each other's gifts. When not working, Ranwa enjoys spending time baking absurd concoctions, singing for liberation, and relaxing with their spouse and 5 fur babies.

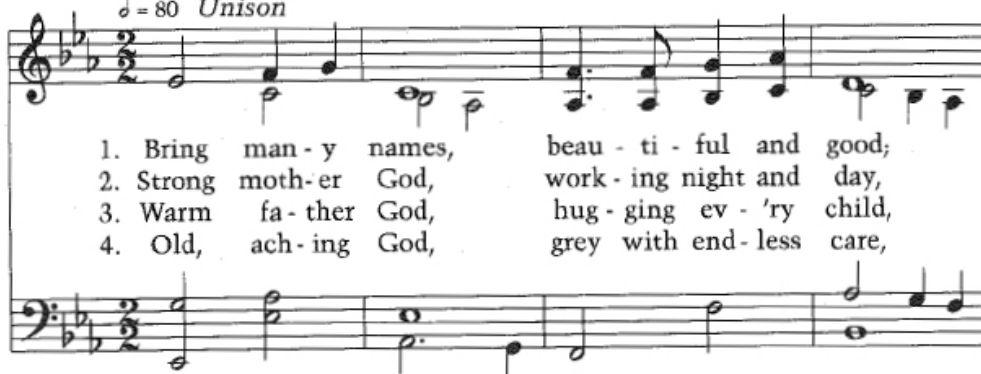
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Jazz Pianist **Larry Chinn** has over 2 decades of experience playing solo, leading a piano duo/trio and accompanying singers and horn players in both duo or small ensembles. He has had the good fortune to have extended tenures working with Margie Baker and Jules Broussard. Larry has also worked on the bandstand with John Handy, Pharoah Saunders, Mark Murphy, Harvie Schwartz and Richie Cole. He has performed in locales ranging from neighborhood pubs, to luxury hotels and this area's premier jazz venues like Yoshi's, Pearl's, and the Monterey Jazz Festival. Larry has studied briefly at the Berklee College of Music, Pomona College with Bobby Bradford, San Francisco State University and with Mark Levine. He took extensive lessons with Don Hass, Dick Hindman, Peter Horvath and Charlie Shoemake.

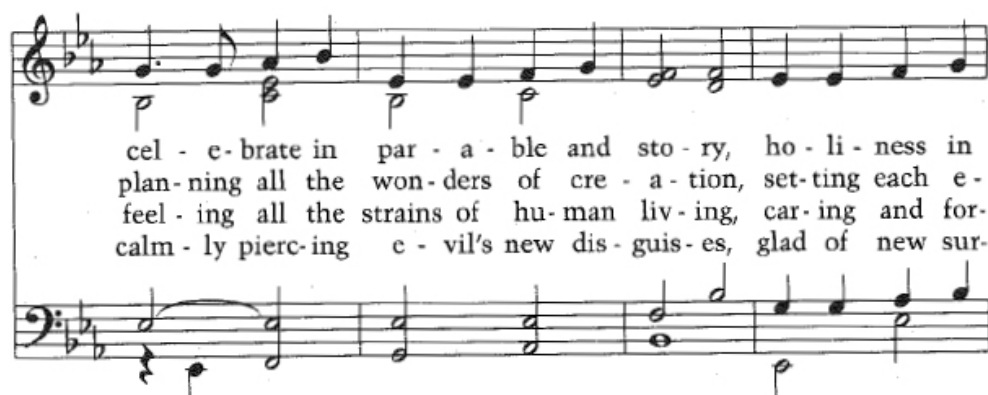
More info at <http://www.larrychinn.com/>

Bring Many Names

♩ = 80 Unison



1. Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good;
 2. Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day,
 3. Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - 'ry child,
 4. Old, ach - ing God, grey with end - less care,



cel - e - brate in par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li - ness in
 plan - ning all the won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting each e -
 feel - ing all the strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing and for -
 calm - ly pierc - ing c - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of new sur -



glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God: hail and ho -
 qua - tion, ge - ni - us at play: hail and ho -
 giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled: hail and ho -
 pris - es, wis - er than des - pair: hail and ho -

1.-5.

6.

- san - na, bring man - y names.
 - san - na, strong moth - er God!
 - san - na, warm fa - ther God!
 - san - na, old, ach - ing God!

great, liv - ing God!

5. Young, growing God, eager still to know,
 willing to be changed by what you've started,
 quick to be delighted, singing as you go:
 hail and hosanna, young, growing God!
6. Great, living God, never fully known,
 joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,
 closer yet than breathing, everlasting home:
 hail and hosanna, great, living God!

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Life Is the Greatest Gift of All 331

$\text{♩} = 96$ Unison

1. Life is the great-est gift of all the rich-es on this
 2. Mind is the bright-est gift of all, its thought no bar-rier
 3. We are of life, its shin-ing gift, the meas-ure of all

earth; life and its crea-tures, great and small, of
 mars; it seeks cre-a-tion's hid-den plan, its
 things; up from the dust our tem-ples lift, our

high and low-ly birth: so trea-sure it and
 quest sur-mounts all bars; it reins the wind, it
 vi-sion soars on wings; for seed and root, for

mea-sure it with deeds of shin-ing worth.
 chains the storm, it weighs the out-most stars.
 flower and fruit, our grate-ful spir-it sings.

Words: From William E. Oliver,

⊕ adapt. by Waldemar Hille, 1908- , used by perm. of Hodgkin Press

Music: James Leith McBeth Bain, c. 1840-1925,

⊕ arr. by David Dawson, 1939-

BROTHER JAMES' AIR

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BEAUTY, TRUTH, AND GOODNESS

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:

THIS SUMMER HERE ARE OUR SCHEDULES

Alyson Jacks: AJacks@uusf.org;
or for emergencies, 415-971-3194

Vanessa Southern on vacation through August 16th.

If you have a pastoral emergency our **Lay Chaplains** are available but so too are Minister Emerita, **Margot Campbell Gross** and retired senior minister, **John Buehrens**.

Here are all the contacts for reaching out:

Margot Campbell Gross: margotcg@sbcglobal.net or for emergencies, 415-661-8316

John Buehrens: jbuehrens@comcast.net or for emergencies, 617-216-0962

Lay Chaplains: Chaplains@uusf.org

Taking Care of Each Other

We are wondering if there are folks who might be able to make a soup or stew for folks who are getting over being sick and delivering it to them (or having someone come and deliver it). Let us know if you can do vegan, vegetarian, meat-based soups or stews or any of the above. And just know, if we ask, and you aren't available that week, that is fine; we just want a list of folks who might be willing and able! Let us know at Chaplains@uusf.org



Humanists and Non-Theists

United States Post Office is in Crisis: Needs Funding by September 2020 to Survive

Sunday, August 2, 1PM (On Zoom)

Jaime Partridge, retired letter carrier and organizer with NALC 82 and a panel of distinguished labor unionists will discuss the reasons for the present funding crisis caused by Covid 19 and what needs to be done to avert the loss of the mandate for "universal service" 6 day a week delivery to every American household without the funding in September 2020.

Please join us by Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81254944486?pwd=TU9kNUN4OUwycVkrVTVsL3RQMhFWUT09>

Meeting ID: 812 5494 4486

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More info about this event on next page!

Videos to Watch

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SpdrCXROHRo>

(8:15 min., May 26, 2020 The Rise and Fall of USPS – Business Insider)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5evzQ17M3JA>

(1 min. July 23, 2020 Tell the Senate Full Funding Now)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oEuI9Qa9WvQ&feature=emb_logo

(30 sec., July 7, 2020 Heroes Delivering)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dilcQBiGW58&feature=emb_logo

(30 sec, May 21, 2020 Save the Postal Service, Because It's Yours)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TpAROWLyeF0&feature=emb_logo

(42 sec., April 12, 2019 We Deliver Almost Anything)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_TsOvszAOag&feature=emb_logo

(41 sec., Nov. 15, 2018 Keep it, It's Yours)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rdhn8vYsWRA&feature=emb_logo

(3:12 min, Oct. 31, 2018 Flight Attendants Solidarity w Postal Workers)

Key Messages

The USPS is consistently ranked Americans' favorite government agency in Pew and Gallup polls. This vital public service is our common thread. USPS delivers 145 billion pieces of mail every year, compared to 5.5 billion for UPS and 4 billion for FedEx. That's 226,000 items per USPS letter carrier, compared to 11,800 and 11,200 among its private competitors. The USPS, one of the first truly equal opportunity employers, created a path to the middle class for Black America and other minorities, and jobs for returning members of the armed services. One in five postal workers is African-American, and 100,000 are veterans. The USPS is bound by the "universal service obligation," which requires it to visit every household six days a week. Private carriers rely on the USPS to deliver their packages for the last steps of the journey. Postal workers take an oath to protect the Constitution. They don't just deliver the mail. They serve their communities, bringing people together.



75th anniversary of the US bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki

You are invited to join remotely with some of the programming being sponsored by the Social Justice Council of the UU Congregation of Berkeley.

SUMMER FORUM August 2 9:30 AM: Takashi Tanemori is one of the few survivors of the August 6, 1945 atomic bombing of Hiroshima. He lost both of his parents and two sisters to the effects of that weapon, and became an oyanashigo – a street urchin – who struggled to stay alive by searching waste sites and garbage cans for food in the ashes of postwar Japan. Today, Tanemori's purpose in life is exposing and defeating what he has come to know as mankind's greatest enemy: fear and hatred that cause darkness in the human heart. As founder of the Silkworm Peace Institute, a nonprofit organization dedicated to international peace, he has fostered forgiveness, helping others overcome barriers.

<https://kylekelly65.wixsite.com/takashitanemori/peace-institute>

Please join us on ZOOM at 9:20 AM; we will start promptly at 9:30 PST.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9137136420>

LITERATURE, FILM & DRAMA CONTINGENT (LFDC) August 2 12:30-2:30 PM:

We invite all to read Hiroshima and then join us to discuss it with LFDC. Don Klose, researcher of nuclear arms and treaties, hosts our discussion. This issue of The New Yorker was dedicated solely to this work by John Hersey, with no cartoons or ads:

<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/1946/08/31/hiroshima>

Please join us on ZOOM at 12:20 PM; we will start promptly at 12:30 PST.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89232162363>



Adult Religious Education Programs

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)

You are warmly welcomed to join "Morning Metta Meditation" group, which meets Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 8-8:30 AM. Elena leads a simple, centering loving kindness 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 UUSF. 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? email elena@communityneedles.com

TNT Hangout and Crafts - August 5 & 19 at 7PM

We're gathering on the Wednesday when there isn't Becoming Together for hanging out and crafts. This is unstructured time to catch up, make things, play games, and connect as a community. Come for all or part of it, show up anytime between 7 and 8:30, we'll be here.

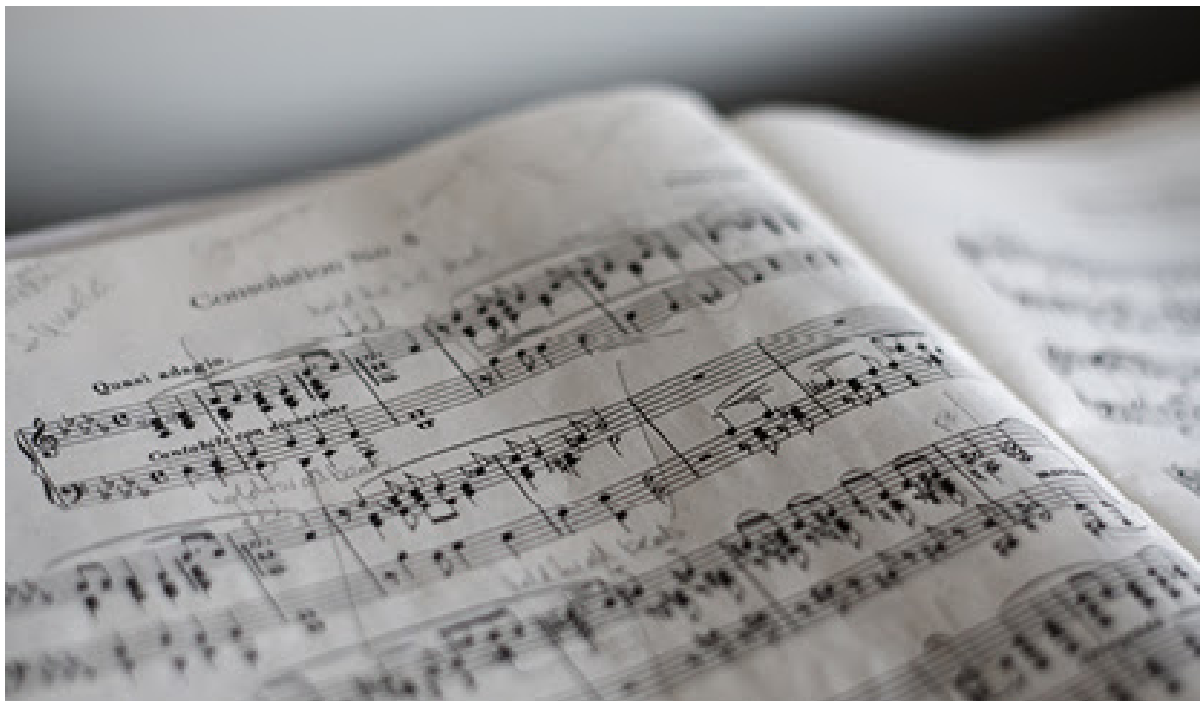
Join on ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81007012772?pwd=K0pHV2l1VGhWVGtRUIhDYktiRmliUT09>

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Sumner's Summer Offerings

With Music Director Dr. Mark Sumner

Mondays and Thursday

7:00 to 8:30 pm

For the Zoom link and a schedule of Offerings email Mark at sngwtme@gmail.com

Join me Monday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 8:30 PM for weekly Zoom singing exercises! Through late August I am covering a variety of musical areas some specific and others quite broad. The hope is there is something of interest at each session AND, upon cursory review, something that will draw YOU in!

For those having Zoom fatigue these activities involve you in ways that should minimize those effects. Judging from initial reactions, this may very well continue into the Fall so keep your eye out for that news!



All Faiths Food Pantry

Every Saturday
7:30 to 11:00 am

Old First Presbyterian Church
1751 Sacramento St, San Francisco, CA 94109
Corner of Van Ness and Sacramento

[SIGNUP HERE](#)

Questions: Contact **Megan Lehmer** - 415-385-0408 or mlehmer@drlehmer.com

Due to Covid-19, we have made some changes in how we handle the All Faiths Food Pantry. Rather than rotating between the five churches, all the churches are sending volunteers every week as we are encouraging younger people to volunteer, and suggesting that people over 60 not volunteer for safety reasons. We need twenty-five volunteers every week for the Food Pantry to go smoothly as we usually serve about 300 low income clients.

The Food Pantry takes place at Old First Presbyterian Church at the corner of Van Ness and Sacramento. We do offer free parking at the church garage located just south of the church on Sacramento as we give out stickers for the parking vouchers for anyone who parks in the garage at the end of the Food Pantry. The truck brings the food (groceries) from the SF/Marin Food Bank at 7:30 AM, so we need volunteers to arrive early. We are usually done with clean up by 11AM.

Volunteers are provided masks and gloves to pack the food in bags in the large meeting inside the church. Every effort is made to keep everything sanitary. Tables are sanitized frequently, and anything which accidentally falls on the floor is discarded. The packed bags are taken to tables outside, where our clients can pick up the pre-packed bags. Our clients line up outside the church with attention paid to social distancing. As a majority of our clients are monolingual Cantonese speaking, we do arrange to have a translator on site at all times.

FREE OUR CHILDREN, FREE THEM ALL!

**SATURDAY,
AUGUST 8
RALLY &
MARCH
AT NOON**

**JUSTIN
HERMAN
PLAZA @
EMBARCADERO
March to ICE
Building, 630
Sansome**



Sponsored by the Bay Area #FreeThemAll Coalition freethemallcal@gmail.com
[BIT.LY/SHUTDOWNCAMPSCA](https://bit.ly/shutdowncampsca) (Link is case sensitive in ALL CAPS)

DSA SF IRS committee * Bay Resistance Immigrant Justice Committee * Committee to Close the Camps, Free our Children Never Again Action Bay Area

**Shut Down
California's
Concentration
Camps:
Abolish ICE!**

**AUGUST 8
12PM-2PM**

Saturday, August 8, 12PM – 2PM, Justin Herman Plaza
1 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94111

On August 8th 2020, people from all over the state including San Diego, Los Angeles, and the Bay Area, will be converging on detention and state centers. Here in the Bay Area, we will be marching from Justin Herman Plaza to the ICE building to make the following demands:

To save lives, Gov. Newsom and AG Becerra must immediately end ALL California cooperation with ICE. We demand that Gov. Newsom support the demands of detained immigrants, who are organizing across California, and community organizations:

- 1. Stop all transfers from California prisons and jails to ICE detention**
- 2. Stop all expansion of detention centers in our state**
- 3. Lead an independent investigation and hold detention centers accountable for putting lives at risk during the pandemic.**

At the federal level, we are also fighting to Abolish ICE, Close the Camps and #FreeThemAll: ICE must release all detained people, starting with the most vulnerable to COVID. While decarceration takes place, ICE and private prison corporations must provide safe [housing], protective gear, and medical attention.



Virtual Art Show [\(click here\)](#)

In light of these quarantined times the [UUSF Art Committee](#) has arranged a Virtual Art Show featuring photographer **Adrian Alvarez Johnson**.

From Adrian:

As a photographer and anthropologist my goal is to peak interest in a culture through images of its beauty and complexity. By sparking interest and consciousness of the Andean World I hope to contribute to its visibility, vibrancy, and survival. **Do you recognize the Chakana and the words that it is made out of?** If you were part of the Andean World you would recognize the people, places, and things in the Chakana word cloud. A person's worldview comes from the figures, stories, concepts, and technology they inherit from their culture. Each photo presented is as packed with meanings and the Andean worldview as the Chakana word cloud. Please take some time googling the words in the Chakana.

In these photos the legacy and vibrancy of the Andean World is Visible. Incan ruins and Quechua and Aymara speakers span from Columbia to Northern Chile and Argentina. Groups from across this region still converge in the ancient Incan capital of Cusco. The first photos are from the Cusco and the Machu Picchu region, then Lake Titicaca and Copacabana Bolivia, and finally the mining city of Potosi. These photos show an Andean World that has survived for 500 years but a world undoubtedly changed by conquest, occupation, mining, conversion, racism, slavery, religious syncretism, and cultural renewal and survival.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW SHOW](#)

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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