



“To Sondheim,
with Love”

Sunday, February 20, 10:50 AM, 2022
First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco



Order of Service
Sunday, February 20, 2022
10:50 AM - 12:15 PM

Livestreamed at bit.ly/uusfmedia

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Prelude	<i>Giants in the Sky</i> from <i>Into the Woods</i>	Stephen Sondheim
		Asher Davison; Wm. Garcia Ganz, Pianist
	<i>Sorry-Grateful</i> from <i>Company</i>	Stephen Sondheim
		Mark Sumner, Singer & Pianist
	<i>In Buddy's Eyes</i> from <i>Follies</i>	Stephen Sondheim
		Nancy Munn; Mark Sumner, Pianist

Unison Chalice Lighting

Carmen Barsody, Worship Associate

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.

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



The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are in English and Spanish. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The second staff begins with a measure rest labeled '5'. The third staff begins with a measure rest labeled '8'. The score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

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.

Brief Invitations

Carmen Barsody

Opening Song

Send in the Clowns from *A Little Night Music*

Stephen Sondheim

Leandra Ramm; Mark Sumner, Pianist

*Isn't it rich?
Are we a pair?
Me here at last on the ground
You in mid-air
Send in the clowns.*

*Isn't it bliss?
Don't you approve?
One who keeps tearing around
One who can't move
Where are the clowns?
Send in the clowns*

*Just when I stopped opening doors
Finally knowing the one
that I wanted was yours
Making my entrance again with my
usual flair
Sure of my lines
No one is there*

*Don't you love farce?
My fault, I fear
I thought that you'd want what I want
Sorry my dear
But where are the clowns?
Send in the clowns
Don't bother, they're here.*

*Isn't it rich?
Isn't it queer?
Losing my timing this late
In my career
Where are the clowns?
There ought to be clowns
Well, maybe next year*

Introduction to the Service

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

Reflection

Daniel Jackoway, Worship Associate

Congregational Song

Being Alive from *Company*

Stephen Sondheim

Gilead Wurman; Wm. Garcia Ganz, Pianist

*Somebody hold me to close
Somebody hurt me too deep
Somebody sit in my chair and ruin my sleep and make me aware of being alive.
Being alive.
Somebody need me too much
Somebody know me too well
Somebody pull me up short and put me through hell and give me support for being alive
Make me alive.
Make me alive.
Make me confused
Mock me with praise.
Let me be used.
Vary my days.
But alone...is alone...not alive.
Somebody crowd me with love.
Somebody force me to care.
Somebody let me come through I'll always be there as frightened as you to help us survive.
Being Alive....Being Alive....Being Alive.*

On Sondheim

Song *Not a Day Goes By* from *Merrily We Roll Along* Stephen Sondheim
Richard Fey; Mark Sumner, Pianist

On Sondheim

Song *Anyone Can Whistle* and *Everybody Say's Don't* from *Anyone Can Whistle* Stephen Sondheim
Leandra Ramm; Nancy Munn; Mark Sumner, Pianist

Offering

The offering today goes to support the work and ministries of the congregation. To make a donation on Vanco or using the Donate Button on our website, please select the “Offering” choice to make your gift. If you are sending a check, please mark in the memo today’s date and “offering” 2-20.22.

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Song *Losing My Mind* from *Follies* Stephen Sondheim
Brielle Marina Nielson; Mark Sumner, Pianist

On Sondheim

Music *I have a Love* from *West Side Story* music by Leonard Bernstein
Nancy Munn, Mark Sumner; Wm. Garcia Ganz, Pianist
Someone is Waiting from *Company* Stephen Sondheim
Ben Rudiak-Gould; Mark Sumner, Pianist

Reflection

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

Hymn

Children Will Listen from *Into the Woods*

Stephen Sondheim

UUSF Choir led by Mark Sumner; Wm. Garcia Ganz, Pianist

Careful the things you say, children will listen.
Careful the things you do, children will see ... and learn.
Children may not obey but children will listen.
Children will look to you for which way to turn, to learn what to be
Careful before you say, "Listen to me." Children will listen.
Careful the wish you make. Wishes are children
Careful the path they take. Wishes come true, not free.
Careful the spell you cast, not just on children.
Sometimes the spell may last past what you can see and turn against you.
Careful the tale you tell.....that is the spell.
Children will listen.....

Benediction

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

Postlude

No One is Alone from *Into the Woods*

Stephen Sondheim

UUSF Choir led by Mark Sumner; Wm. Garcia Ganz, Pianist

Stephen Joshua Sondheim (March 22, 1930 – November 26, 2021)

A close-up, shallow depth-of-field photograph of several piano keys, with the keys in the foreground being sharp and those in the background blurred.

Other notable shows by Sondheim:

Gypsy (music by Jule Styne); *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*;
Pacific Overtures; *Sweeney Todd, the Demon Barber of Fleet Street*;
Sunday in the Park with George; *Assassins*; *Passion*; *Road Show*

PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leaders

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister
Carmen Barsody, Worship Associate
Daniel Jackoway, Worship Associate

Muscians

Mark Sumner, Music Director
Wm. Garcia Ganz, Pianist
UUSF Choir
Nancy Munn, Soloist
Richard Fey, Soloist
Brielle Marina Neilson, Soloist
Leandra Ramm, Soloist
Asher Davison, Soloist
Ben Rudiak-Gould, Soloist
Gilead Wurman, Soloist

Sunday Support

Eric Shackelford, Camera
Shulee Ong, Camera
Jonathan Silk, Sound Livestream
Joe Chapot, Live Chat Moderator
Remigio Flood, Sexton
Kelvin Jones, Sexton
Athena Papadakos, Flowers



Sunday Virtual Coffee Hour **12:15 pm Sundays**

Anyone is welcome to join our community for our Virtual Coffee Hour, immediately following the Sunday Worship Service. Coffee not required.

Join the **Sermon Discussion Group**, led by **Donald Matusen**, at Virtual Coffee Hour after church today. Let the host know if you want to join this group when you arrive at Coffee Hour.

Join via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/725737157> / Meeting ID: 725 737 157



Young Adult Virtual Coffee Hour **12:15 pm Sundays**

The UUSF 20s & 30s Ministry Committee has suspended in-person events until further notice. Instead, join Vanessa, Maddy and Joe for a virtual Young Adult Coffee Hour every Sunday after worship! Bring your favorite warm beverage and/or brunch of choice as we catch up and reflect together.

Join via Zoom: bit.ly/coffeeya / Meeting ID: 875 0960 2044 **Passcode:** 322357



To Sir(ve), With Love February 2022 Programing

Go to www.uusf.org/programs to register and to learn more!

This February, we want to talk about what we love, and what we serve with love in our lives. Having just lost the great Sidney Poitier, the title of his movie, "To Sir, With Love" came to mind so we adapted it to name our program, "To Sir(ve), With Love" which seemed so appropriate too since Poitier's life was also so much about service to what he loved!

To Sir, with Love: A conversation about the life and work of Sidney Poitier

With **Cornelius Moore** Co- Director of Ca.NewsReel

Sunday, February 20, 1:00 pm (virtual) - Zoom Link: bit.ly/sensiblecinemafeb22 Mtg. ID: 854 6565 6481 / Passcode: 018102

In recognition of Black History Month please join Sensible Cinema in an oral tribute to the late great Actor Activist Sidney Poitier. Our speaker will be Cornelius Moore Co- Director of Ca.News Reel.

To Breathe, with Love

Monday, February 21, 7-8pm - Register: bit.ly/tosirwithlove22

Many of us have practices we call spiritual, from meditation to yoga, from journaling to walking in nature. These are some of the things we do to calm our bodies, quiet our minds, and open our hearts. Led by **Rev. Margot Campbell Gross**.

Ministers Book Group - February Book: "Pleasure Activism" by adrienne maree brown

Led by Vanessa Southern on 2/23/22, 6:30-8 pm & 2/24/22, 12-1:30 pm - Register at bit.ly/MBG0222

This month's MBG is part of our "To (Sir)ve, with Love" programming all February. Goodreads describes this month's book thusly: "How do we make social justice the most pleasurable human experience? How can we awaken within ourselves desires that make it impossible to settle for anything less than a fulfilling life? Editor adrienne maree brown finds the answer in something she calls "pleasure activism," a politics of healing and happiness that explodes the our myth that changing the world is just another form of work.

Make Em' Laugh: Serving with Love through Laughter

Thursday, February 24, 7-8pm - Register: bit.ly/tosirwithlove22

For the last three years, church members **Mari Magaloni Ramos, Michael Bossier and Cal Ball** have produced a comedy Radio Show called the Mike and Mari Show, sharing their love of comedy, satire, improv and humor. Along with writing and producing a comedy radio show, each of them have worked in a variety of artistic venues including improv, comedy writing, music and music production, and much more. Come hear their stories of the power of laughter and what it has to teach us.

To Support and Challenge, with Love

Monday, February 28, 7-8pm - Register: bit.ly/tosirwithlove22

Many of us have heard of professional coaches. Unlike sports coaches who work with teams and athletes, professional coaches work with people of all backgrounds and stages of career, helping them set and achieve their goals or make changes in their lives and

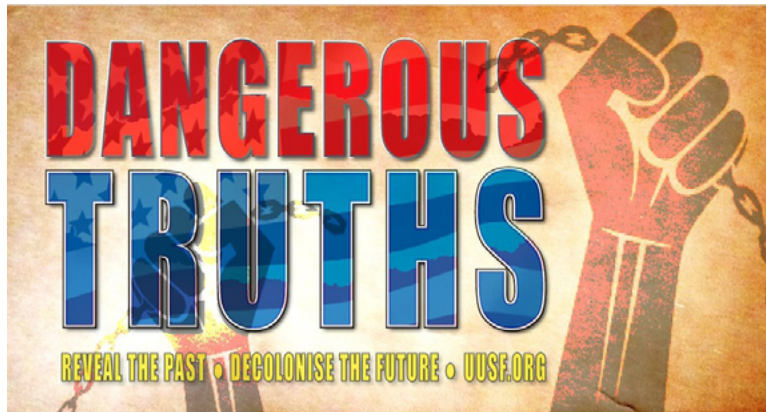
Events, Meetings & Volunteer Opportunities (www.uusf.org/news)

Sign Up to Make Breakfast at the Winter Shelter - Go to bit.ly/wintershelter2022 Now to Volunteer!

The Interfaith Winter Shelter provides shelter, dinner and breakfast to 60 men and women through February 26. A partnership among San Francisco Interfaith Council, the SF Department of Homeless Services, and Episcopal Community Services. It is an important ministry of the church and a vital service to the community. It is also a great opportunity to volunteer and to get to know other congregation members! Thank you to all who have already volunteered to help cook dinners or breakfasts. We are still looking for volunteers to help cook on Feb 23rd. Questions? Email us at wintershelter@uusf.org.

Journey To Wholeness: Educating Ourselves Through the Arts - Saturday, February 26, 4-5pm

If we are serious about dismantling structural racism, we have a lot to learn. Our principles already call upon us to support one another in spiritual growth. One way to begin is by shared exploration of the cultural riches given to us by peoples of the world majority. This month's opportunity is to join us for a Black History Month Celebration Concert with Martin Luther McCoy, multimedia presentation in person at the Museum of the African Diaspora, cosponsored by SFJAZZ. Free with museum admission. For further information and to register go to bit.ly/journeyfeb22. If you'd like to be connected with other UUSF members or friends who are interested in attending email us at racialjustice.info@uusf.org. Let us know at racialjustice.info@uusf.org if there is a relevant event or subject you'd like to share with others in our community, such as a book review, movie, performance or exhibit.



Dangerous Truths: New Perspectives on America's History - Feb 27 at 1pm - Zoom Link: bit.ly/dttruths1

The Doctrine of Discovery was codified in a series of 15th Century Papal bulls, issued during the time of early explorations by the ruling European powers. In part, it called for non-Christian peoples to be invaded, captured, vanquished, subdued, reduced to perpetual slavery, and to have their possessions and property seized by Christian monarchs. To what degree does this legacy impact our history and culture up to today?

Paul Magid on The Doctrine of Discovery | 1pm PT: Mr. Magid is an author, thespian, playwright and historian. His research on the wide-ranging arc of this proclamation will help us explore its influence that continues to affect not only the indigenous peoples of this country, but all of us.

And

Critical Race Theory (CRT) right wing media vilifies it, states are passing laws to ban its teaching: Join the presentation and discussion as to what this controversy is about and what is at stake for us all in its outcome.

Judge Angela Robinson (Ret.) on Critical Race Theory | 2pm PT: Judge Robinson is a Visiting Professor and a Waring and Carmen Partridge Faculty Fellow at Quinnipiac University. She teaches Evidence, and Critical Race Theory. Prior to joining the Quinnipiac faculty, she was a Connecticut Superior Court Judge for twenty years. Robinson's work focuses on civil litigation-related subjects, and social justice subjects implicated by racial equity issues, including critical race theory, race and the law and diversity, equity and inclusion within the legal profession.

Zoom Event Link:
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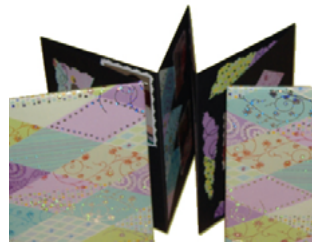
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The Unfolding Story: A Four Part Spiritual Adventure in Book Binding, Art Making and Storytelling

Four Workshops: Saturdays: February 19, March 19, April 16, and May 14 - 10:00 am to 1:00 pm - Max 10 People



We all have a story (or two) to tell. In the Unfolding Story, participants will create a 12 page accordion book (the first workshop). In an accordion book - or leporello - each page is connected to the other, allowing the story to seamlessly unfold.

In subsequent workshops we will explore four phases of our lives: childhood, adolescence, young adulthood, and adulthood. Experimenting with different mediums, we will write, draw, paint, collage and construct to tell our story. What themes, symbols or images run through your life? What were the moments that gave shape to your life? What threads weave through your unfolding story? Let's discover!

Kathleen Rydar - a professional book binder and letterpress printer - will teach us the art of making a leporello. In the subsequent workshops, participants will spend time sharing our stories through writing, drawing, painting or collaging. Between workshops, Rev. Jacks will provide prompts and reflective exercises to help participants explore their life story.

There will be a fee of \$30.00 to cover the cost of the materials. Financial assistance will be available to cover the cost of materials.

Register at bit.ly/unfolding2022

Paganism 101 A Unitarian Exploration of the New Paganism

4th Sundays at 1 pm PST / 4 pm EST on Zoom - Series of 9 monthly classes - Register at bit.ly/paganism101class

This course introduces the practices, beliefs, and history of Modern Pagan spirituality. Participants in this class will create and maintain a student altar as we explore basic altar set up and ritual tools, the wheel of the year, deity, the four elements, and more. We also touch on different pagan paths and examine how modern paganism fits with Unitarian Universalist principles. Class is FREE. \$5 per class donation welcome but not required.

Morning Meta Meditation

Tuesdays & Thursday, 8-8:30 am (<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75735734442#success>)

A simple, centering loving kindness meditation practice which is appropriate for all religious backgrounds and levels of meditation experience.

Equanimity Practice

Fridays, 8-8:30 am (<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75735734442#success>)

A meditation practice on cultivating equanimity—that is, accepting the reality of life's highs and lows and developing an attitude of peaceful calm abiding throughout the inevitable changes.

New UU: A 2-Session series for Visitors and Newcomers - Wednesdays, March 30 and April 6

A 2-Session series for Visitors and Newcomers Led by Rev. Alyson Jacks, Rev. Vanessa Southern

This interactive class will introduce you to Unitarian Universalism and our congregation. Register at bit.ly/newuuspring22

Session 1: Roots and Wings: History, Theology, Principles and Purposes: To understand where we are now culturally as a movement, in our philosophies and practices, and our place in the larger landscape of religious history, we'd like to give you an overview of some of the big sweeps of time and where Unitarian Universalism's roots began and where we find ourselves today. We will explore some of our history, theology, our principles and purposes.

Session 2: Community, Connection and Commitment: In session 2, we'll make time to share our own spiritual journeys as a way to build connection and understanding. We'll learn about the many programs and activities in our community that are open to all. And finally, we'll talk about rights, roles and responsibilities of membership at First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco.

"To Relationships, with Love"

Sunday, February 13, 10:50 AM, 2022

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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.

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.

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

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