

“Never What You Imagined”



Easter Sunday, April 17, 10:50 AM, 2022
First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco



Order of Service
Sunday, April 17, 2022
10:50 AM - 12:15 PM

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Welcome back to those returning to onsite Worship Service!
Please stay masked during the Worship Service and maintain social distance.

Prelude	<i>Song of Israel</i> <i>From Generation to Generation</i>	Jewish Hymn arr. E Maxson Porter Meir Finkelstein Reiko Oda Lane, Organist
Opening Words and Welcome		Rev. Alyson Jacks, Associate Minister
Hymn 210	<i>Wade in the Water</i>	MCCREE UUSF Choir; Reiko Oda Lane, Organist

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Unison Chalice Lighting	Sam King, Worship Associate
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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



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.

Story for All Ages

Vanessa Southern and Alyson Jacks

Bell Anthem

Now the Green Blade Riseth

French Carol arr. Keving McChesney
UUSF Bell Choir; Reiko Oda Lane, Director

Greeting One Another and Singing the Children Out

Go now in peace
Go now in peace
May the Spirit of Love surround you,
Everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

Brief Invitations

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister

Music

Go Down, Moses!

UUSF Choir, Mark Sumner, Director

Reading

Sam King

The offering this Easter will benefit “Up on Top” an afterschool and summer program that serves children in the Tenderloin. To make a donation on Vanco (bit.ly/uusfpayments) or using the Donate Button on our website, please select the “Special Offering” choice to make your gift. If you are sending a check, please mark in the memo Special Offering “Up On Top”, 04.17.22.



Offertory Music *Now the Green Blade Riseth* arr. Bob Chilcott
UUSF Choir, Reiko Oda Lane, Organist; Mark Sumner, Director

Sermon “Never What You Imagined” Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

Music *Spring Will Come Again* Leonard Bernstein
Laurel Sprigg, Soprano; Mark Sumner, Pianist

Time of Spoken and Silent Meditation

Hymn 270 *O Day of Light and Gladness* LANCASHIRE
UUSF Choir; Reiko Oda Lane, Organist

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Benediction Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

Postlude *To Deum* Marc Antoine Charpentier
Reiko Oda Lane, Organist

PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leaders

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister

Rev. Alyson Jacks, Associate Minister

Sam King, Worship Associate

Sunday Support

Eric Shackelford, Camera

Shulee Ong, Camera

Donald Shearer, Camera

Joe Chapot, Live Chat Moderator

Jonathan Silk, Sound

Remigio Flood, Sexton

Kelvin Jones, Sexton

Amy Kelly, Flowers

Linda Messner, Head Usher

Tom Brookshire, Les James,

Ralph Fenn, Zoom Coffee Hour

Musicians

Reiko Oda Lane, Organist & Bell Choir Director

Mark Sumner, Music Director

Laurel Sprigg, Soprano

UUSF Choir

UUSF Bell Choir

ABOUT

UP ON TOP began in 2001 after a group of members of the Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco considered the idea of providing a no-cost childcare option for families impacted by the changes to the federal welfare program. Today, UP ON TOP provides high- quality, tuition-free after-school & summer opportunities, offering hope, stability, and fun to children of low-income families in San Francisco, while preparing them to be successful in school, in community and in life. We would appreciate your support this upcoming year so that these students and families can continue to receive the dedicated, in-person support that they so desperately need. If you have any questions please visit www.upontop.org or call **Bill Fricker** from UP ON TOP at 415-407-4270.



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

Wade in the Water

$\text{♩} = 63$ *Unison*

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the

wa - ter, chil - dren, wade in the wa - ter,

God's gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter. *Fine*

1. See that band all dressed in white.
2. See that band all dressed in red.

Words & music: African American spiritual, c. 1750-1875,
 arr. by Mary Allen Walden, 1946- , © 1992 Unitarian Universalist Association

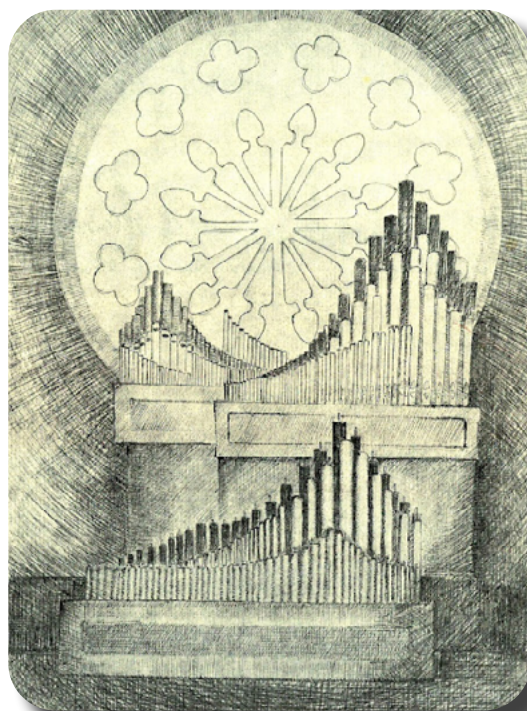
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God's gon-na trou-ble the wa-ter. The lead - er looks like an
It looks like the band that

Is - rael - ite.
Mo - ses led.

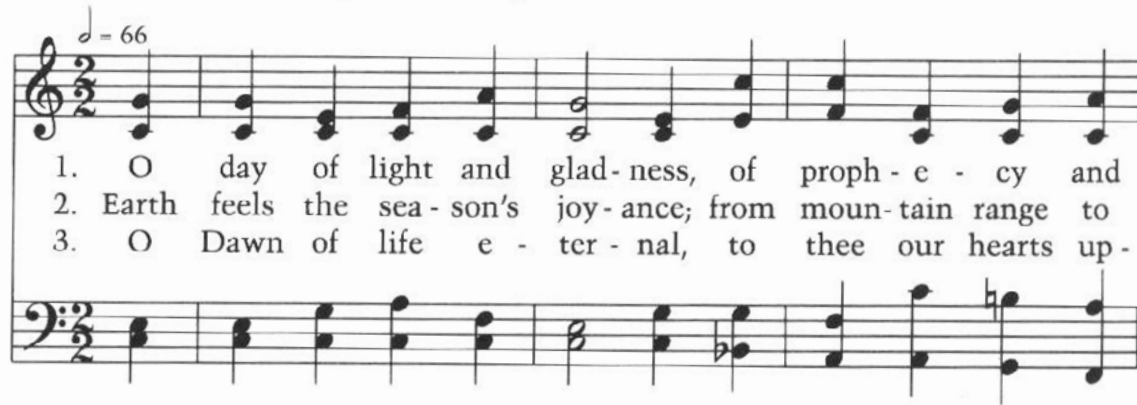
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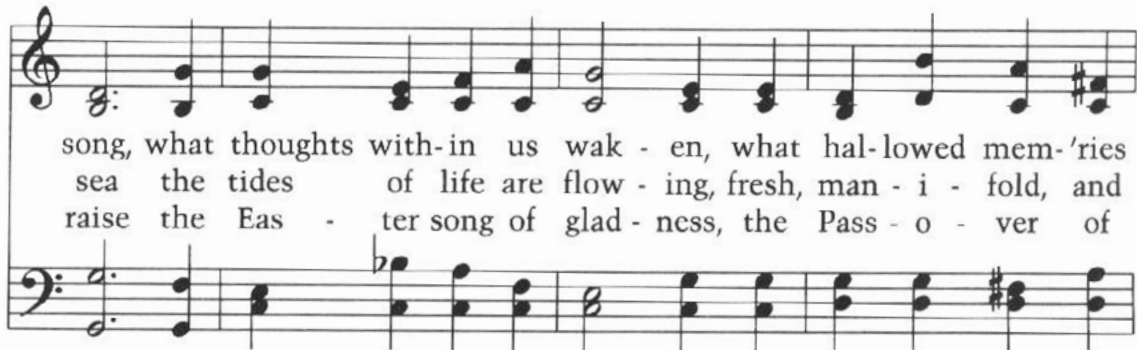


O Day of Light and Gladness 270

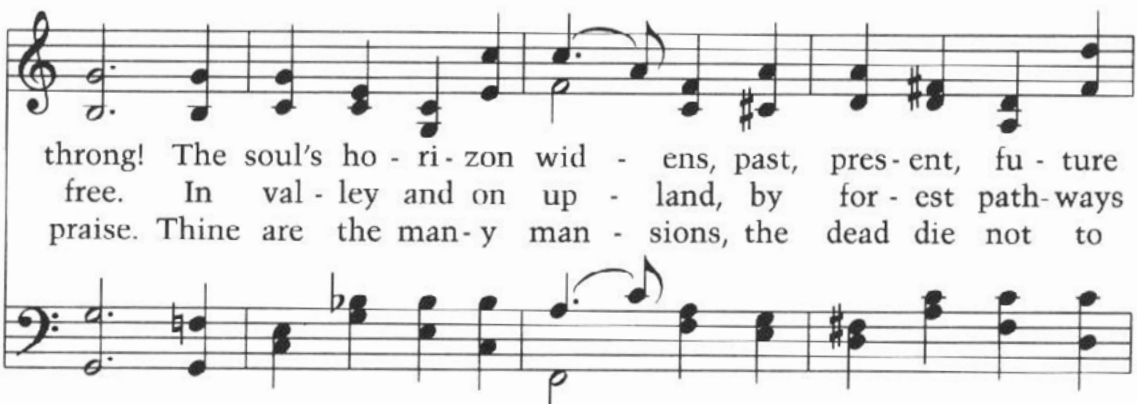
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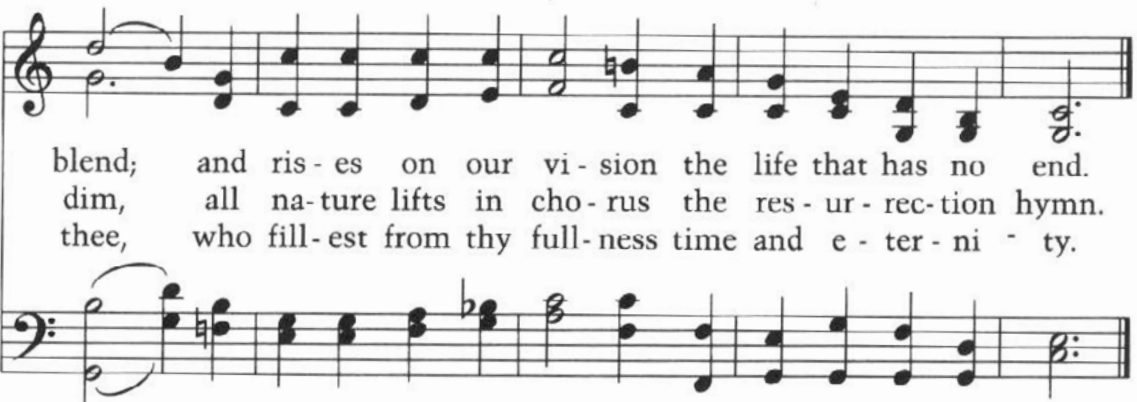
1. O day of light and glad-ness, of proph-e-cy and
2. Earth feels the sea-son's joy-ance; from moun-tain range to
3. O Dawn of life e-ter-nal, to thee our hearts up-



song, what thoughts with-in us wak-en, what hal-lowed mem'-ries
sea the tides of life are flow-ing, fresh, man-i-fold, and
raise the Eas-ter song of glad-ness, the Pass-o-ver of



throng! The soul's ho-ri-zon wid-ens, past, pres-ent, fu-ture
free. In val-ley and on up-land, by for-est path-ways
praise. Thine are the man-y man-sions, the dead die not to



blend; and ris-es on our vi-sion the life that has no end.
dim, all na-ture lifts in cho-rus the res-ur-rec-tion hymn.
thee, who fill-est from thy full-ness time and e-ter-ni-ty.

⊕ Words: Frederick Lucian Hosmer, 1840-1929
Music: Henry Smart, 1813-1879

LANCASHIRE
7.6.7.6.D.

E A S T E R

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

The Annual UUSF Passover Seder is back 4/22/22 at 6:30pm!

Join us in celebrating freedom, exploring the connection between ancient ritual and modern liberation struggles, singing, and enjoying a delicious potluck dinner. All ages are welcome! We will provide chicken, wine, and traditional Passover food, including matzo and matzo ball soup. Please bring a dish to share if you are able. Suggested donation is \$10 per person, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds. Sign up at (<https://form.123formbuilder.com/6121862/form>) so we can plan for food.

Questions? Eric at eshack@gmail.com.

Journey To Wholeness - Educating Ourselves Through the Arts

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. Opportunity of the week: Cherry Blossom Festival, today until 6:00 pm, Japan Center, San Francisco. No parade this year, but continuous displays and performances of traditional arts and their modern manifestations. Also great food and happy crowds. <https://bit.ly/cherryblossom22>

UUSF All Church Retreat 2022 is Back! - Register (<https://bit.ly/uusfretreat22>)

You are invited to the UUSF All Church Retreat, this Memorial Day Weekend. Two long years of being apart have taken their toll, so come and enjoy actually being with the community amidst the beauty and serenity of the redwood forest near Occidental, CA. Partake in peer-led workshops, attend an outdoor Sunday worship, or give us your most captivating performance at the Talent Show! Or relax and get away from the hustle and bustle of life in the city. Scholarships are available for those needing financial assistance (<https://bit.ly/acr-scholarships22>) Ask Questions or pick up Paper Form at the ACR Table today!

Sensible Cinema Virtual Screening of "YOUTH V GOV" April 22, 6:30 pm. On Zoom (<https://bit.ly/cinema422>)

Our film will take place on Earth Day, Friday, April 22. That happens to be the fourth Friday instead of the usual third Friday, but due to technicalities we had to move the date. It actually makes it more of a tribute than it would have otherwise. A modern-day David and Goliath epic the film "Youth v Gov" by director Christi Cooper follows the journey of 21 bold youths suing the world's most powerful government to protect their constitutional rights to a stable climate.

Dangerous Truths 4/30/22 - "Frederick Douglass And Other Black Transcendentalists" On Zoom (<https://bit.ly/dtruths3>)

UUSF Human Rights Working Group and Forum present the third of a series of conversations on u.s. history we call Dangerous Truths. Join us on **Saturday, April 30 from 1pm to 3pm** for this examination of the lives of the early abolitionists and their role in U.S. history. Q&A session and discussion will follow this presentation. Rev. Dr. John Buehrens, Unitarian Universalist minister and former President of the UU national Association, is an historian, and author of many books on American spiritual and social justice movements of the 19th & 20th Centuries. Just as The 1619 Project and Indigenous history have given us new perspectives on America's myths of origin, so also have new findings about the 19th century interactions of Black and white abolitionists, especially the Transcendentalists. Info: www.uusf.org/hrwg

SAVE THE DATE - Did you know that our beloved Rev. Alyson Jacks is retiring?

Sadly, it's true. She'll be leaving us at the end of the Church year. Alyson and Wendy look forward to spending the summer and fall in Maine, and more adventures to follow. Before she goes, our UUSF community will be sending her off in style. Please plan to join us after service on **June 12th for lunch, beverages, games and a yummy dessert** in the Courtyard. More details to come! Questions? Reach out to Gino Forunato, Teresa Goebel or Harry Arthur.

UUSF Auction Moving to the Fall!

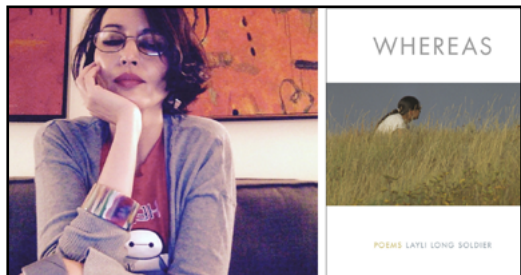
The UUSF Auction, which was slated to take place later this month, is being rescheduled to take place in the Fall. We look forward to bringing you a bigger, better and more thrilling auction and party immediately after services on **Sunday, Sept 18!** Please mark your calendars now to celebrate with us and support UUSF as the new church year begins.

It is our hope that people who have already donated items will keep those items available for the rescheduled auctions, but please write to auction@uusf.org if there is a concern with your donation or if offering it is time-sensitive. We have also sold some tickets. Refunds can be made available if needed; contact auction@uusf.org. However, if you want to beat inflation, just hang onto the ticket that you already bought! Who knows how much a ticket might cost in a few months?!

We are looking forward to delivering this event with renewed energy and a festive community feeling in September. If you have things you want to donate, if you want to be part of the event next fall, if you have any questions, please reach out to me, Sarah Ellerman, at sarah.ellerman@gmail.com.

Adult Spiritual Growth Classes (www.uusf.org/are)

Minister's Book Group: Wednesday, April 27, 6:30-8 pm



Led by Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister. April is Poetry Month! This is the first collection by Layli Long Soldier, a distinguished Oglala Lakota poet. The collection was winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award, of the Pen/Jean Stein Book Award and a finalist for the Griffin International Poetry Prize. You will need to see it, and read it — ideally — to understand some of what she does in the book. Note there will only be one session on Wednesday, 4/27, 6:30-8 PM. Register at bit.ly/MBGAPRIL22

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.

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.

In person art show opens! Peaceniks unite!!

The Origami for Peace art show is being installed in the Kings' Galleries... with an invitation to the community to participate by adding their own peacedoves and thoughts about peace! Come to the Peace Happening on May 15 after service.

Bring your origami or make some there!! Why Origami and the Peace Movement? The activity is woven into the history of the terrible nuclear destruction of Hiroshima during WWII. One girl, Sadako Sasaki, was 2 years old then, and by 7th grade was hospitalized with the "A Bomb disease". Before she died she inspired the Children's Peace Movement, with submissions of folded cranes arriving from 7 countries to the Hiroshima Peace Park which is close to the spot where the bomb was dropped.

The origami still arrives today. The community can bring origami to our Peace Happenings or mail it to: Peace for the World, 1849 Geary Blvd #15371, SF.

View the virtual show on our website at (<https://www.uusf.org/art>)



Now showing in the King Rooms



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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,
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