

“A Hope
Worth
Fighting
For”

Sunday, October 2, 10:50 am, 2022

First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco



Order of Service
Sunday, October 2, 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.

After service we invite you to convene for coffee hour in the Courtyard.

As we ease back into the new normal, we want to keep our congregation and staff safe.

Please be mindful of social distance and wear your mask when you are not eating or drinking.

Prelude	<i>Aria: Peace and Hope</i>	G. F. Handel
	<i>Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire</i>	Emma Lou Diemer
	<i>The God of Abraham Praise</i>	A Hebrew Melody/Camil van Hulse
		Reiko Oda Lane, organist

Sound of the Shofar	Bill Klingelhofer
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Call to Worship 637	"A Litany of Atonement" by Rob Eller-Isaacs	Rev. John Buehrens
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Opening Words and Welcome

*Hymn 107	<i>Now Sing We of the Brave of Old</i>	VICTORY
		UUSF Choir; Reiko Oda Lane, organist

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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.

Greeting One Another

Music *As We Sing of Hope and Joy*

Elizabeth Alexander
UUSF Choir, Mark Sumner, director

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

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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.

Times of Spoken and Silent Meditation

Music *Hope*

Debra Scroggins
UUSF Choir, Mark Sumner, director; Wm. Garcia Ganz, pianist

Reflection

Susan Anthony, Worship Associate

Offering

This Sunday's offering will be split between SACReD (Spiritual Alliance for Communities for Reproductive Dignity) and the UUSF Women's Rights Group. SACReD is an interfaith, intersectional organization that is organizing faith communities to reclaim reproductive dignity and autonomy. To make a donation on Vanco (bit.ly/uusfpayments) or using the Donate Button (below) & 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 "special offering" 10-02-22.



SACReD

Spiritual Alliance of Communities
for Reproductive Dignity

We are an alliance of organizers, religious leaders, academics, and congregations working together to advance the cause of reproductive justice through congregational designation and community building programs.



Music *What Happens When a Woman Takes Power?* Alexandra Olsavsky
UUSF Choir, Mark Sumner, director; Jon Silk, drums

Reading excerpt from "The Second Mountain" by David Brooks

*Hymn 34 *Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire* GIFT OF LOVE
UUSF Choir; Reiko Oda Lane, organist
([CLICK HERE OR TURN TO PAGE 7 TO VIEW HYMN](#))

Sermon "A Hope Worth Fighting For" Rev. Daniel Kanter

*Hymn 131 *Love Will Guide Us* OLYMPIA
Mark Sumner, pianist
([CLICK HERE OR TURN TO PAGES 8 & 9 TO VIEW HYMN](#))

*Benediction

Postlude *Grand Jeu* [Premier Livre d'orgue] Pierre du Mage
Reiko Oda Lane, organist

PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leaders

Rev. Daniel Kanter, Guest Minister

Rev. John Buehrens

Susan Anthony, Worship Associate

Sunday Support

Livestream Video Team, Cameras

Jonathan Silk, Communications Director

Sam King, Live Chat Moderator

Thomas Brown, Sexton

Kelvin Jones, Sexton

Carrie Steere-Salazar, Flowers

Linda Messner, Head Usher

Tom Brookshire, Les James,

Ralph Fenn, Zoom Coffee Hour

Musicians

Reiko Oda Lane, Organist

Mark Sumner, Music Director

Wm. Garcia Ganz, Pianist

Bill Klingelhofer, Shofar

UUSF Choir

ABOUT

Rev. Dr. Daniel C. Kanter is the Senior Minister and CEO of First Unitarian Church of Dallas and author of the book, *Faith for the Unbeliever*, published by Skinner House Books in 2017. He is recent past the Chair of the Clergy Advocacy Board at Planned Parenthood Federation of America. He has served on the Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas Board of Trustees. He was the Harvard Divinity School Fellow in Residence during the Fall of 2017. He is a founding member and serves on the leadership committee of Faith Forward Dallas at Thanksgiving Square a multi-faith organization addressing issues of justice and compassion in Dallas.

Daniel has a B.A. in Psychology and Asian Area Studies from the University of Vermont, a Masters of Divinity from Starr King School for the Ministry, and a Doctorate of Ministry from Perkins Theological School at SMU.

OFFERTORY

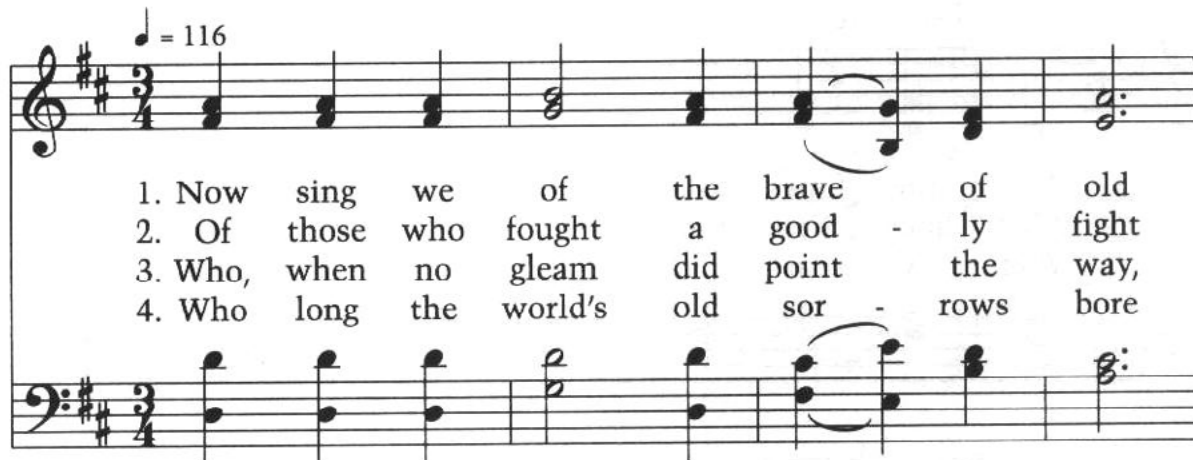


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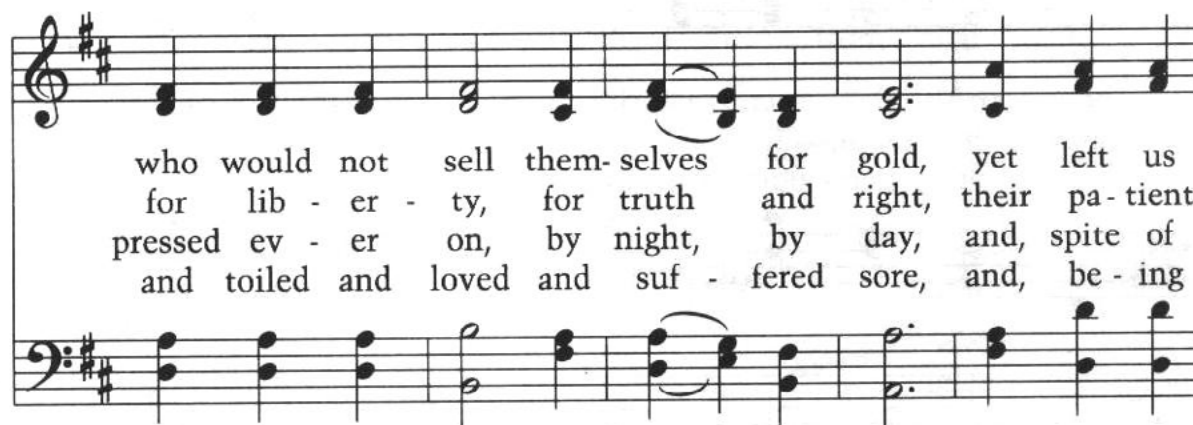
Now Sing We of the Brave of Old

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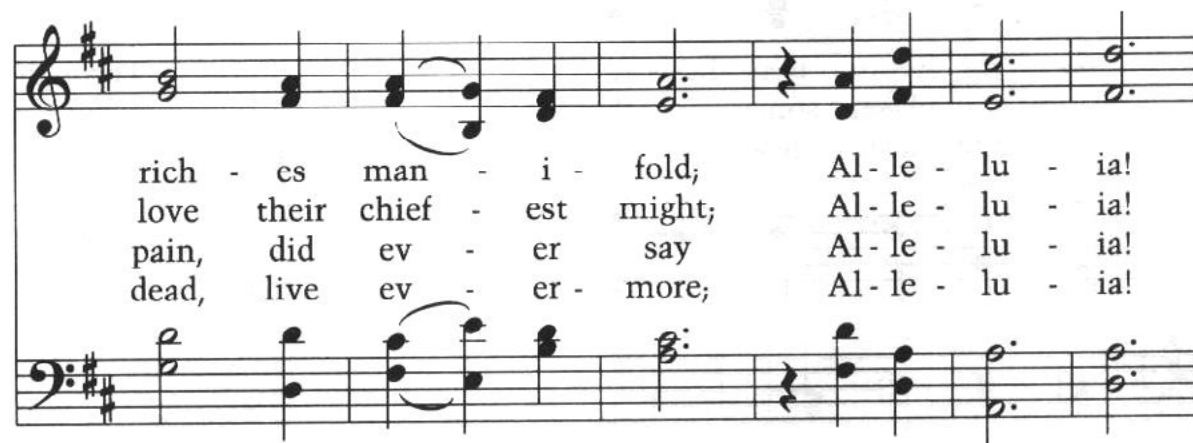
$\text{♩} = 116$



1. Now sing we of the brave of old
2. Of those who fought a good - ly fight
3. Who, when no gleam did point the way,
4. Who long the world's old sor - rows bore



who would not sell them-selves for gold, yet left us
for lib - er - ty, for truth and right, their pa - tient
pressed ev - er on, by night, by day, and, spite of
and toiled and loved and suf - fered sore, and, be - ing



rich - es man - i - fold; Al - le - lu - ia!
love their chief - est might; Al - le - lu - ia!
pain, did ev - er say Al - le - lu - ia!
dead, live ev - er - more; Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Albert M. P. Dawson, 1880-1963
Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525-1594,
adapt. by W. H. Monk, 1823-1889

VICTORY
8.8.8. with Alleluia

Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire

$\text{♩} = 72$

1. Though I may speak with brav - est fire,
 2. Though I may give all I pos - sess,
 3. Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol,

and have the gift to all in - spire,
 and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,
 our spir - its long to be made whole.

and have not love, my words are vain,
 but not be given by love with - in,
 Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;

as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
 the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
 by this we wor ship, and are freed.

Words: Hal Hopson, 1933- , (1 Cor. 13:1-3), © 1972 Hope Publishing Co.

Music: Trad. English melody, adapt. by Hal Hopson, 1933- ,
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GIFT OF LOVE
 L.M.

PRAISE AND TRANSCENDENCE

Love Will Guide Us

$\text{♩} = 60$

1. Love will guide us, peace has tried us, hope in-
 2. If you can - not sing like an - gels, if you
 3. Love will guide us, peace has tried us, hope in-

side us will lead the way on the
 can - not speak be - fore thou - sands, you can
 side us will lead the way on the

road from greed to giv - ing. Love will
 give from deep with - in you. You can
 road from greed to giv - ing. Love will

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⊕ Music: Traditional, arr. by Betty A. Wylder, 1923- ,
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OLYMPIA
 L.M.

guide us through the hard night.
change the world with your love.
guide us through the hard night.



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

Rev. Dr. Daniel C. Kanter Answers Your Questions at Coffee Hour Today!

Sunday, October 2, TSk Room and Online (Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/725737157> Meeting ID: 725 737 157)

Our special guest for this Reproductive Freedom Sunday is Rev. Dr. Daniel C. Kanter, the Sr. Minister and CEO of First Unitarian Church of Dallas, a Founding Partner of SACReD. He will be explaining how his congregation is actively working as a SACReD Partner Congregation to uphold and advance its values, mission and vision. During the coffee hour Q&A session, there will be opportunities for you to ask questions and explore related topics of your interest with Rev. Dr. Kanter. Please join us! Everyone is invited!!!

The Auction is Two Weeks Away – What You Can do Now

- **Get your tickets now** – save time by ordering online tickets (<https://bit.ly/uusfauction.2022>) or buy them at our table in the lobby before and after services.
- **Bid now** for the online auction trips, dinners, events and treasures at: <https://bit.ly/uusfauction2022> or use the QR code. You can also donate items. Does anyone out there want to donate a computer consultation? Be creative!
- Time to put your homecoming costume together – there will be a **prize for best costume!**
- **Volunteer** – this week we are especially looking for people who want to create a fun thing to do, such as games, contests or raffles.



QUESTIONS? Call, email or text co-chairs Cheryl Deaner 415 282 2200 cdd.mft@gmail.com or Gino Fortunato 415 221 2387 yospike0@yahoo.com

Making Good Trouble

We're partnering with Get out the Vote to encourage voters from underserved communities to make their voices heard this November. Stop by the Thomas Starr King room after the service to write in community, or just pick up letters to take home and return. Donations for stamps are always appreciated. If you cannot come to church but want to help out, let us know and we can deliver letters to your home and pick them up for mailing when they are finished. Email Julia Wald at jpwald@waldlawyers.com or call the church office (415-776-4580) with your request and your contact information.

You're invited to the first Starr King Regional Friendship Gathering

Friday, October 7 from 5:30 – 7:00 pm, TSK Room

Join us to learn more about Starr King, hear the latest updates from President Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt, and reconnect over refreshments with alumni, faculty, staff, and friends of Starr King. This event is free to attend. Register at www.sksm.edu/bayareaRSVP. This event is hosted by Rev. Dr. John A. Buehrens.

We are the Prayers of Our Ancestors, but Who are They? - Saturday, October 8, 7:00 pm, Chapel

The Pagan Interest Circle Welcomes You To Our Sacred Ritual Space. October is now upon us, and, in just a few weeks on October 31st Wiccans will be celebrating Samhain, the last turn of the Wheel of the Year. The final harvest is gathered. We enter the beginning of the dark time of the year. We contemplate endings. We mourn our dead. The Veils between the Worlds is thinnest, a time when spirits can travel the earthly plane and we can most easily access the ethereal. We call to our Ancestors. What is remembered, lives. More Info: <https://www.uusf.org/pict>



BLESSING of the ANIMALS (<https://www.uusf.org/animalministry>)

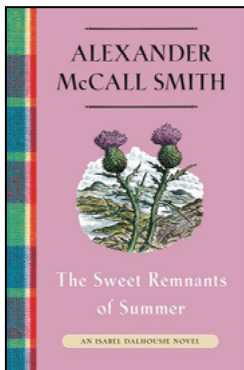
Sunday, October 9th - 1:00 to 2:00pm, Chapel

Join us in this celebration with music, songs and speakers! This service affirms respect for all life, reminding us that we are a part of the interdependent web of all existence. This ritual is in the tradition of Saint Francis of Assisi, namesake of our City, patron of animals and the environment.

Rev. Dr. John Buehrens will give a homily: "All Sentient Beings"

Bring your animal companions (or a photograph of them) and participate in this recognition of all the creatures of the earth!

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



October Book Group - "Sweet Remnants of Summer" by Alexander McCall Smith

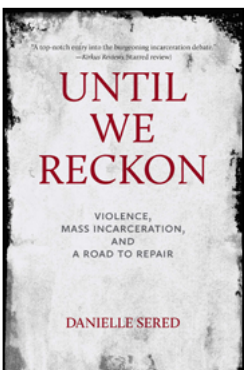
Leader: Rev. Dr. John A. Buehrens

Wednesday October 19, 6:30-8 pm & Thursday, October 20, noon-1:30 pm

More Info and to Register: <https://www.uusf.org/are>

Alexander McCall Smith's latest Isabel Dalhousie novel, "Sweet Remnants of Summer". John writes, "I am addicted to this series, of which the current book is #14. Isabel lives in Edinburgh, where she is the publisher and editor of the mythical Review of Practical Ethics." The Library Journal says of the novel, "McCall Smith delves into the inner machinations of a modern-day philosopher whose nuanced approach stands in stark contrast to the fiery rhetoric of the day."

If you need help acquiring the book or purchasing it, please let us know at info@uusf.org for help.



November Book Group - "Until We Reckon: Violence, Mass Incarceration, and a Road to Repair" by Danielle Sered

Leader: Rev. Southern with Sam Dennison of the Faithful Fools!

Wednesday, November 16, 6:30-8 pm &/or Thursday, November 17, noon-1:30 pm

More Info and to Register: <https://www.uusf.org/are>

How can we transition away from systems of mass incarceration through restorative justice? As a description of how and why restorative justice works, Danielle Sered shows us what we have to do to courageously confront the US legacy of white supremacy. In many ways, the book offers a roadmap for people who grew up white and are coming to terms with racism and racial violence and then find a path to accountability and active engagement with changing racist institutions/systems.

If you need help acquiring the book or purchasing it, please let us know at info@uusf.org for help.

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.

Family Ministry @ UUSF - <https://www.uusf.org/grow>

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES START ON OCT 2: We will have classrooms open on Sunday and activities available for all our children/youth.

There will be 3 classrooms: Nursery/Pre-K; Elementary (K-5); Youth (6-12).

UPDATE ON NURSERY/PREK CLASSROOM: We are currently in a search to fully staff our Nursery/PreK classroom. This means we cannot offer care for this age group at this time. Our hope is to have the classroom open in the beginning of October. If you have questions, then please contact Rev. Laura at lshennum@uusf.org.

COMMUNICATION WITH FAMILIES: Stay up to date with what is happening for our families and Sunday School program by subscribing to the Thursday weekly emails. If you would like to be put on the email list, then please contact Rev. Laura at lshennum@uusf.org.

Small Group Ministry

In October, Rev. Laura will meet with people to develop our plan for the year for Small Group Ministry. If you are interested in being a facilitator or would like to be part of the discussion, then please send an email to Rev. Laura at lshennum@uusf.org.

Adult Spiritual Growth

In addition to small group ministry, Rev. Laura would like to start to develop a plan regarding Adult Spiritual Growth for the year. If you would like to be part of the conversation or have a class you would like to offer, then send her an email at lshennum@uusf.org.



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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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