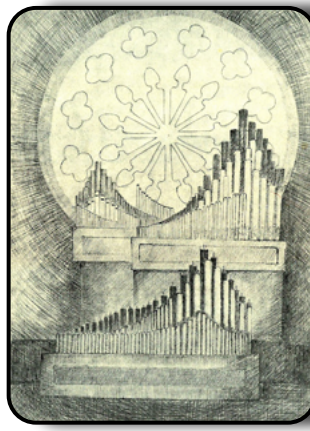


"A People Without Vision Shall Perish"

Sunday, January 8, 10:50 AM, 2023

First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco





Order of Service
Sunday, January 8, 2023
10:50 AM - 12:15 PM
Livestreamed at bit.ly/uusfmedia

New to UUSF? Complete Our Connections form at <https://bit.ly/uuconnections2023>

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

or online on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month (<https://bit.ly/coffeeuu>)

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

Prelude	<i>Wake, Now, My Senses</i> <i>How Brightly Shines the Morning Star</i>	Traditional Irish Melody arr. Manz/Wood Bach / C V Hulse Reiko Oda Lane, organist
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Opening and Welcome	Wonder Dave Crady, Worship Associate
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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.

*Hymn 298

Wake, Now, My Senses

SLANE

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Greeting One Another

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.

Reflection

Wonder Dave Crady

Music *North*

(Sleeping at Last) Ryan O'Neal
 Maria Roodnitsky, guitarist and vocalist

Reading Proverbs 29:2-18

Times of Spoken and Silent Meditation

Offering

This morning's offering will benefit the work and ministries of the **Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) Guest at Your Table Program**, the longest-running fundraising and educational program for congregations. Many members of our congregation and UU congregations across the country kept Guest at Your Table boxes on their dining tables or other family gathering spots from Thanksgiving to New Years. We "fed" these boxes with donations on a daily basis to support the work of UUSC, our UU human rights and social justice organization. Please visit <https://bit.ly/GUESTUUSC> or stop by the UUSC information table after the service to learn more about the UUSC's work. If you want to join our local UUSC activists, contact **Linda Harris** at uusf@uusf.org. 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" 1-08-23.

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Offertory Music *San Francisco*

(The Weepies) Steve Tannen and Deb Talan
Cal Ball, guitarist; Maria Roodnitsky, vocalist

*Hymn

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Jill Jackson-Miller; Sy Miller

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, we are family.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, may this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Sermon "A People Without Vision Shall Perish"

Michael Pappas, M.Div.

*Hymn 139

Wonders Still the World Shall Witness

IN BABILONE

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*Benediction

Postlude *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

African American Spiritual arr. O L Nelson
Reiko Oda Lane, organist

PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leaders

Michael G. Pappas, M.Div., Guest Preacher
Wonder Dave Crady, Worship Associate

Sunday Support

Shulee Ong; Eric Shackelford; Jackson Munn,
Livestream Cameras
Jonathan Silk, Communications Director
Joe Chapot, Live Chat Moderator

Thomas Brown, Sexton
DeAndre Smith, Sexton
Amy Kelly, Flowers
Linda Messner, Head Usher

Musicians

Reiko Oda Lane, Organist
Maria Roodnitsky, Guitarist and Vocalist
Cal Ball, Guitarist
Nancy Munn, Songleader

ABOUT

Michael G. Pappas is the Executive Director of San Francisco Interfaith Council and was born in Glen Ridge, New Jersey. He graduated from Dickinson College (Carlisle, PA) in 1983, after which he successively worked as a lobbyist, regional field director for a presidential campaign and investment banker for the oldest municipal bond firm in New Jersey. In 1987, he left the world of politics & finance and enrolled at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology (Brookline, MA) attaining an M.Div., with honors, in the class of 1992. An ordained priest of the Greek Orthodox Church, Michael served parishes in Palos Hills, IL, Stockton, CA, and San Francisco, CA.

During his sixteen-year ministry, he was a prolific writer, contributing articles to numerous religious and secular periodicals. As well, he devoted energy to work with the homeless and further ecumenical and interfaith relationships. After transitioning from parish ministry in 2007, he was selected by the San Francisco Interfaith Council to the newly created administrative post of Executive Director. In his tenure as Executive Director Michael has helped increase the Council's budget and programs substantially; strengthened existing and cultivated new relationships with civic leaders, NGOs, judicatories and congregations; and significantly projected the SFIC through expanded use of technology. More Info: <https://bit.ly/sfifcabout>



Bernice Prince Biggs (January 3, 1923 – February 3, 2013)

Today's flower dedication is made by Bernice's many friends and admirers at UUSF in honor of her 100th birthday.

Wake, Now, My Senses

$\text{♩} = 108$ *Unison*

1. Wake, now, my sens - es, and hear the earth call;
 2. Wake, now, my rea - son, reach out to the new;
 3. Wake, now, com - pas - sion, give heed to the cry;

feel the deep pow - er of be - ing in all;
 join with each pil - grim who quests for the true;
 voic - es of suf - fer - ing fill the wide sky;

keep, with the web of cre - a - tion your vow,
 hon - or the beau - ty and wis - dom of time;
 take as your neigh - bor both strang - er and friend,

giv - ing, re - ceiv - ing as love shows us how.
 suf - fer thy lim - it, and praise the sub - lime.
 pray - ing and striv - ing their hard - ship to end.

⊕ Words: Thomas J. S. Mikelson, 1936—
 Music: Traditional Irish melody, harmony by Carlton R. Young, 1926— ,
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SLANE
 10.10.10.10.

THE LIFE OF INTEGRITY

Wonders Still the World Shall Witness

$\text{♩} = 58$

1. Won - ders still the world shall wit - ness nev - er known in
 2. They shall rule with wing - ed free - dom worlds of health and
 3. For a spir - it then shall move them we but vague - ly

days of old, nev - er dreamed by an - cient sag - es,
 hu - man good, worlds of com - merce, worlds of sci - ence,
 ap - pre - hend — aims mag - nif - i - cent and ho - ly,

how - so - ev - er free and bold. Sons and daugh - ters
 all made one and un - der - stood. They shall know a
 mak - ing joy and la - bor friend. Then shall bloom in

shall in - her - it won - drous arts to
 world trans - fig - ured, which our eyes but
 song and fra - grance har - mo - ny of

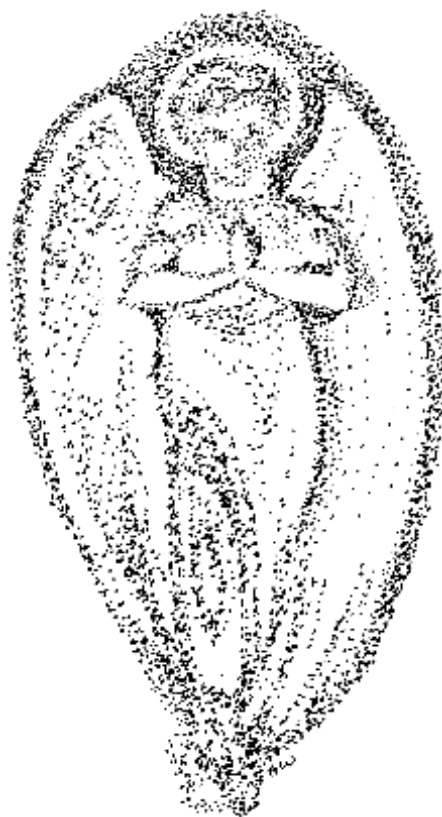
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IN BABILONE
 8.7.8.7.D.

IN TIME TO COME

us un - known, when the dawn of
 dim - ly see; they shall make its
 thought and deed, fruits of peace and

peace its splen - dor o - ver all the world has thrown.
 towns and wood - lands beau - ti - ful from sea to sea.
 love and jus - tice—where to - day we plant the seed.



TODAY

Christmas Poinsettias on Sale Today After Church

The magnificent poinsettias that adorned the chancel this season are now available for purchase for a \$5 donation! These lovely plants are looking for new homes and will brighten your holiday mood for a little longer! On Sunday, stop by the gallery table to purchase one or more of these classic winter symbols.

Newcomer Orientation - Sunday, January 8 at 12:30 pm in the Fireside Room

Do you want to learn more about Unitarian Universalism? Join us in the Fireside Room today after the service to meet some of our members and learn more about our congregation and Unitarian Universalism in the community.

Council of Committee Chairs Meeting - Sunday, January 8 at 12:30 pm in TSK Room

After service today, we will hold our next Council of Committee Chairs meeting. We've set up a hybrid in-person/Zoom meeting. All Chairs of Committees and Groups are invited to attend. Agenda items to look forward to include a budget update and an update from the Journey to Wholeness. Zoom information can be found at <https://bit.ly/COCCJAN23>. Meeting ID: 875 5774 3150; Passcode: 505575; Phone: +1 408 638 0968

UPCOMING

Sign Up to Volunteer for the Interfaith Food Pantry - Saturday, January 28 from 8:15 am to 11:15 am

Join a wonderful community of volunteers every Saturday to feed our lower income neighbors. UUSF is leading the pantry crew on January 28, so this is a great time to connect with other members. Meet at Old First Presbyterian (Van Ness and Sacramento) from 8:15 - 11:15 am (or come early at 7:30 to help unload the truck). We will distribute food to 315+ households. If this is your first time, please introduce yourself to UUSF Coordinator **Hanna Hart** at info@uusf.org. Sign-Up: <https://bit.ly/foodpantryuusf>
Website: <https://www.uusf.org/foodpantry>

SAVE THE DATE - We cordially invite all UUSF members (and friends) to attend FORUM on January 29!

The UUSF Women's Rights Group is planning a forum on January 29. SACReD is an interfaith organization dedicated to reproductive justice for all women. We are planning a meeting to discuss what being designated as a SACReD Congregation means to UUSF and the process for obtaining this designation. A congregational vote will be required before we can receive the designation. We hope that all UUSF members will attend this meeting to learn more about SACReD, its principles, and the requirements for obtaining the designation. More information on this crucial Forum will be available soon!

New UU: A Welcome Home - Sunday, February 12 at 12:30 pm at UUSF

Join our new Minister for Congregational Life Rev. Laura Shennum for our New UU class! Held in-person at UUSF after worship, this interactive class will introduce you to Unitarian Universalism and our congregation. Registration now open! **Questions?** Contact Joe Chapot (jchapot@uusf.org or call 415-590-7836) Register: <https://bit.ly/uusfnewuwwinter23>

Volunteer Opportunity at the Interfaith Winter Shelter - February 13 to March 3

From February 13 to March 3, our community will once again host the Interfaith Winter Shelter. For more than 30 years, UUSF and other faith communities in the area have collaborated with the city to provide a safe, warm place to sleep, dinner, and breakfast to 60-70 of our unhoused neighbors during the coldest, wettest months. Many people in our community volunteer for this annual ministry, helping with food preparation, shopping, and hosting. Please join other members of our congregation to help our neighbors in need. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer your time and talents, please contact **Hanna Hart** at hanna@harts.net. Sign-ups will be available soon! Website: <https://www.uusf.org/shelter>

January 13, 2023
6:00pm to 8:30pm
Herbst Theater
San Francisco

FREEDOM, JUSTICE, AND BELOVED COMMUNITY: A CELEBRATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

With performances by



EMILY KING



GOAPELE

TONGO EISEN-MARTIN
MINISTER MARVIN WHITE
GLIDE ENSEMBLE
SANGIN' SARA & JAMES P. SMITH

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Tickets are free, but please reserve your seat at <https://bit.ly/jan132023>.

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

Strengthening Our Resiliency Muscle

Led by Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of Congregational Life

With the ongoing pandemic, many of us are trying to maintain our resiliency. Each month we will explore a new tool to help strengthen our resiliency muscle. We will look at stress management, building connections, making meaning, and much more. Each session covers a specific resiliency tool and is complete unto itself. Only one tool will be discussed each month and you can choose to attend the Saturday AM or Thursday PM session. This course is based on the specialized training Laura received for a Certificate in Resilient Leadership from Seattle School of Theology & Psychology. All are welcome to attend.

Next class happens on Thursday, January 12, 6:30-8pm

Register at <https://bit.ly/sormclass>



"Left on Tenth: A Second Chance at Life: A Memoir" by Delia Ephron

Led by Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister


This is a story of enduring the loss of a spouse and a sister (so it is about enduring profound grief) and it is about illness (Delia Ephron is diagnosed with cancer) and it is about love so good for Mid-February! It is very readable and my best friend makes a cameo appearance so read it and come. There are two opportunities to participate, both on Zoom.

Wednesday, February 15, 6:30-8:00 pm or

Thursday, February 16, noon-1:30 pm

Register at <https://bit.ly/uusfmbgfeb23>





"Letting Go & Beginning Anew"

Sunday, January 1, 2023

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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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