

# “A Religious Center With a Civic Circumference: Unitarians in San Francisco Since 1850”

Sunday, January 29, 10:50 AM, 2023

First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco





**Order of Service**  
**Sunday, January 29, 2023**  
**10:50 AM - 12:15 PM**

Livestreamed at [bit.ly/uusfmedia](https://bit.ly/uusfmedia)

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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  
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.

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Prelude      *Selections for Cello*

Andrés Vera, cellist

Harm, Apology, and Opportunity

Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of Congregational Life  
Rochelle Fortier Nwadibu, Board Moderator

Unison Chalice Lighting

Dennis Adams, 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.

\*Hymn 308

*The Blessings of the Earth and Sky*

K. Patton/ J.S. Bach

Adam Ward, vocalist, Wm. García Ganz, pianist

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Brief Invitations

Dennis Adams

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.

Times of Spoken and Silent Meditation

Rev. John Buehrens

\*Hymn 391

*Voice Still and Small*

J. Corrado

Adam Ward, vocalist, Wm. García Ganz, pianist

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*O Susanna* (one verse only)(Vera)  
*Battle Hymn of the Republic* (one verse only)(Vera)  
*Beautiful Dreamer* (one verse only)(Vera)  
*I Left My Heart in San Francisco* (one verse only)(Vera)  
*California Stars* (one verse only)(sung)(Vera/Ward)

Offering

Dennis Adams

This Sunday's offering will be to **Coastside Hope**. They are an organization that is helping with the victims and families of those who were harmed/affected by the shooting in Half Moon Bay. Here is their website: <https://coastsidehope.org/> To make a donation on Vanco ([bit.ly/uusfpayments](https://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" 1-29-23.

DONATE

Offertory Music    *Are You Going to San Francisco*

Scott McKenzie

Adam Ward, baritone; Andrés Vera, cellist

If you're going to San Francisco  
Be sure to wear some flowers in your hair  
If you're going to San Francisco  
You're gonna meet some gentle people there

For those who come to San Francisco  
Summertime will be a love-in there  
In the streets of San Francisco  
Gentle people with flowers in their hair

All across the nation such a strange vibration  
People in motion  
There's a whole generation with a new explanation  
People in motion people in motion

For those who come to San Francisco  
Be sure to wear some flowers in your hair  
If you come to San Francisco  
Summertime will be a love-in there

\*Hymn 404

*What Gift Can We Bring?*

Jane Marshall

Adam Ward, vocalist, Wm. García Ganz, pianist

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\*Benediction

Postlude *San Francisco*

Bronislaw Kaper

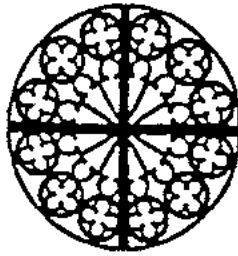
Adam Ward, baritone; Andrés Vera, cellist

It only takes a tiny corner of  
This great big world to make a place you love  
My home up on the hill  
I find I love you still  
I've been away but now I'm back to tell you  
San Francisco  
Open your golden gate  
You let no stranger wait outside your door  
San Francisco  
Here is your wandering one  
Saying I'll wander no more  
Other places only make me love you best  
Tell me you're the heart of all the golden west  
San Francisco  
Welcome me home again  
I'm coming home  
To go roaming no more

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\*Please rise in body or spirit.





## PARTICIPANTS

### **Worship Leaders**

Rev. John Buehrens  
Dennis Adams, Worship Associate

### **Sunday Support**

Shulee Ong; Eric Shackelford; Jackson Munn, Livestream Cameras  
Jonathan Silk, Communications Director  
Joe Chapot, Live Chat Moderator  
Thomas Brown, Sexton  
Carrie Steere-Salazar, Flowers  
Linda Messner, Head Usher

### **Musicians**

Andrés Vera, Cellist  
Adam Ward, Vocalist  
Bill Ganz, Pianist

## ABOUT

**Andrés Vera** is a soloist, chamber and orchestral musician, who has performed in countless venues throughout the United States, Europe, the Caribbean and Asia. He performs the Classical cello and the Baroque cello. He is the newest member of the Grammy-nominated Quartet San Francisco, a crossover string quartet that excels in multiple styles — from jazz to tango, pop to funk, blues to bluegrass, gypsy swing to big band and beyond.

Learn More about Andrés at <https://www.andresveracello.com/home>

**Adam Ward**, countertenor, is originally from Tecumseh, Oklahoma. At a very early age Adam became fascinated with Janie Fricke and Patsy Cline. As a child he made a number of local TV appearances singing their songs. Mr. Ward discovered singing countertenor while studying French horn performance at Yale School of Music. There he was also a founding member of the Yale Schola Cantorum under the direction of Simon Carrington. As a horn player, Adam was a member of the Verbier Festival Orchestra, winner of the concerto competitions at Yale and Stony Brook Universities, and was a top prizewinner at the Coleman, Fischhoff and Yellow Springs national chamber music competitions. He was recently composer-in-residence for the New York City based Choral Chameleon directed by Vince Peterson and the Sacramento based Vox Musica directed by Daniel Paulson. He is also a singer-songwriter and can be found on SoundCloud as Adam Brett Ward. Adam holds a B.M. from Manhattan School of Music, M.M. from Yale School of Music and additional years of study at the Hartt School, Royal College of Music (London) and Stony Brook University. Adam is still really into Janie Fricke and Patsy Cline and is overjoyed to be in his 17th season with Chanticleer! Learn More about Adam at <https://www.chanticleer.org/adam-ward>

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# The Blessings of the Earth and Sky

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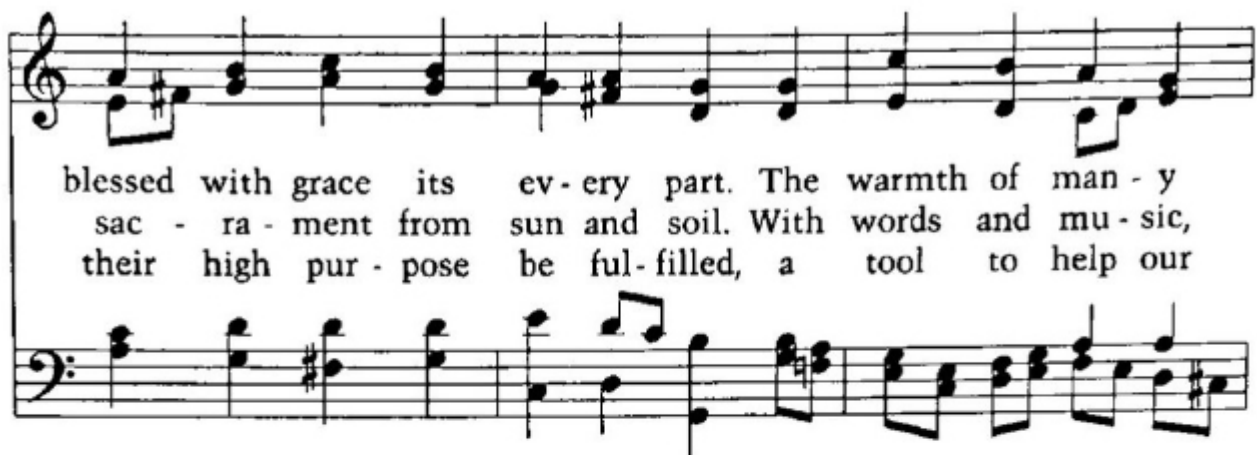
1. The bless - ings of the earth and sky up -  
2. The wind up - on the lakes and hills per -  
3. Here we re - store an - ces - tral dreams en -

on our friend - ly house do lie. The  
forms its na - tive rit - u - als. The  
shrined in floor and wall and beam, a

right - ness of a mas - ter's art has  
wor - ship of our hu - man toil brings  
mon - u - ment where - in we build that

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Music: Johann Hermann Schein, 1586-1630, harmony by  
J. S. Bach, 1685-1750

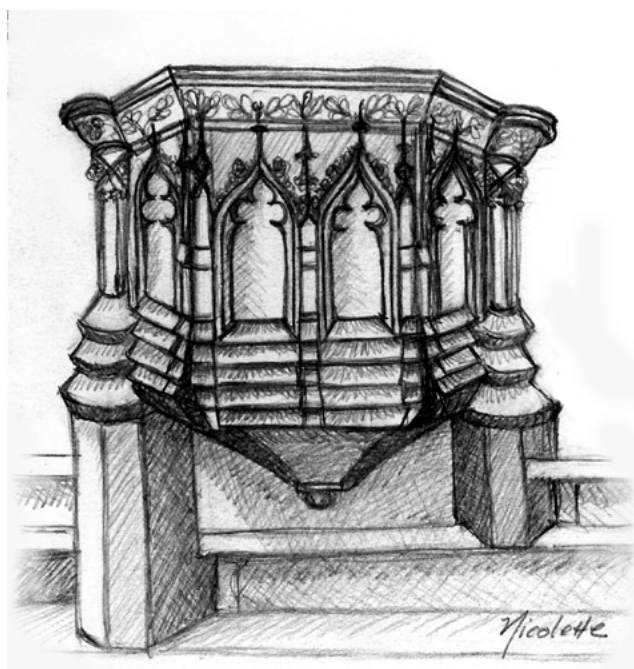
MACH'S MIT MIR, GOTT  
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blessed with grace its ev - ery part. The warmth of man - y  
 sac - ra - ment from sun and soil. With words and mu - sic,  
 their high pur - pose be ful - filled, a tool to help our



hands is strewn in hu - man bless - ing on this stone.  
 we, the earth, in na - ture's won - der seek our worth.  
 chil - dren prove an earth of prom - ise and of love.





# Voice Still and Small

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$\text{♩} = 46$

Voice still and small, deep in-side all, I hear you call,

sing-ing. In storm and rain, sor-row and pain,

still we'll re-main sing-ing. Calm-ing my fears,

quench-ing my tears, through all the years, sing-ing.

⊕ Words & music: John Corrado, 1940- , © 1987 John Corrado

VOICE STILL AND SMALL  
Irregular

# What Gift Can We Bring

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$\text{♩} = 112$  *Unison*

1. What gift can we bring, what pres - ent, what  
 2. Give thanks for the past, for those who had  
 3. This gift we now bring, this pres - ent, this

to-ken? What words can con - vey it, the joy of this  
 vi-sion, who plant - ed and wa-tered so dreams could come  
 to-ken, these words can con - vey it, the joy of this

day? When grate - ful we come, re - mem - bering, re -  
 true. Give thanks for the now, for stud - y, for  
 day! When grate - ful we come, re - mem - bering, re -

joic - ing, what song can we of - fer in hon - or and praise?  
 wor-ship, for mis-sion that bids us turn prayer in - to deed.  
 joic - ing, this song we now of - fer in hon - or and praise!

Words & music: Jane Marshall, 1924- , © 1982 Hope Publishing Co.

ANNIVERSARY SONG  
 11.11.11.11.

## TODAY

### **Art Show and Reception! - Sunday, January 29, 12:15, King Rooms**

Share the joy of the UU art committee as they welcome the return of a series of Art Shows in the Kings Galleries! Bring your potluck contribution of finger food to the reception this Sunday after the Worship Service in the King Rooms. Meet the exhibiting artists! Ask about volunteer projects! Happy lunar new year!!!

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### **Sign a petition after the service in the Gallery to honor Dr. Howard Thurman with a street sign in San Francisco at the Social Justice table.**

On behalf of the Committee to install a Commemorative Street sign to Honor the Legacy of Dr. Howard Thurman (1899-1981). We the undersigned respectfully request the City of San Francisco to erect a Commemorative Street Marker honoring one of the City's most distinguished residents, the late Dr. Howard Thurman. Dr. Howard Thurman was and remains one of San Francisco's most prominent religious and academic leaders and spiritual thinkers, a worldwide inspiration and mentor whose influence as a philosopher, theologian, educator, author, and civil rights leader continues today. This petition can be signed by any participants, regardless of their origins of residence. We intend to present this petition to Supervisor Aaron Peskin ( who presides over district 3 where we hope to place the commemorative street sign) We will show overwhelming support, via our signature drive, for a Commemorative Street sign. The corner of Pfeiffer Street and Stockton Street, is the exact location of Dr. Howard Thurman and Sue Bailey Thurman's last San Francisco residence. These "Commemorative" Street Signs are found all over the streets of San Francisco and will not affect any postal address considerations.

## UPCOMING

### **Chinese New Year Parade & Chinatown Community Street Fair - February 4 & 5 in Chinatown, SF**

Named one of the world's top ten parades, the Chinese New Year Parade in San Francisco is the largest celebration of its kind outside of Asia. It was started in the 1860s and takes place the weekend of the Chinese New Year Community Street Fair. At the Chinatown Community Street Fair, experience Chinese cultural arts such as Chinese folk dancing, opera, drumming and much more at the entertainment stage on Pacific St. below Grant Ave.

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### **Black, Indigenous, & People of Color Gathering - February 5 from 9:30 am to 10:50 am, Stebbins Room**

This sacred space is open to our members and friends who are Black, Indigenous and People of Color. The meeting takes place by Zoom and in-person in the Stebbins Room on the first Sunday of every month often from 9:30-10:50am. If you are interested in attending or finding out more, please email [bipoc@uusf.org](mailto:bipoc@uusf.org). Please come join this space for joy, renewal, care and inspiration.

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### **Uprising in Iran! It's meaning and Import. And what we can do to support it.**

#### **Sunday Forum, February 5, 9:30 am, TSK Room/Zoom (<https://bit.ly/Forum2-5-23>)**

It's urgent that people around the world, especially in the U.S. step up support for the uprising itself, and to oppose the repression of the Islamic Republic of Iran. What can and should people of conscience here in the U.S. do to support the just struggle going on in Iran and stop the repression and free all political prisoners? The Forum Presenters for February 5th are **Mitra Akhtari** from Bay Area International Emergency Campaign to Free Iran's Political Prisoners (IEC). **Jamileh Davoudi** who is a women's rights activist, leader of the Zanan Group in No. California which is a member of Collective Action of Independent Iranian Women Organizations. **Larry Everest** is a national spokesperson of the International Emergency Campaign to Free Iran's Political Prisoners (IEC). Author of Oil Power and Empire, Iraq and the U.S. Global Agenda. Plus recent video selections from struggle in Iran. Doors open at 9:00 am for breakfast food and conversation, and the Forum begins at 9:30 am., with Q and A from 9:30 to 10:50 am.

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### **Newcomer Orientation - Sunday, February 5 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.

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### **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](mailto:jchapot@uusf.org) or call 415-590-7836) **Register:** <https://bit.ly/uusfnewuuwinter23>

## 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](mailto:hanna@harts.net). Sign-ups will be available soon! Website: <https://www.uusf.org/shelter>

## Adult Spiritual Growth Classes ([www.uusf.org/are](http://www.uusf.org/are))

### "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>



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### Morning 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

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### 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.



### Remembering Donald Heyneman (1925-2022)

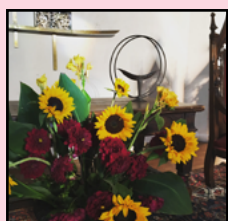
**Saturday, February 18, 10:30 am, Sanctuary/Online**

(<https://bit.ly/don-heyne-man-livestream>)

Donald Heyneman, PhD, touched the lives of family, friends, colleagues, students, and acquaintances with his kindness, warmth, humor, humility, and dedication to making our world a better place. On Saturday, February 18, the 98th anniversary of Don's birth, a memorial service honoring his life will be held in the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m., and will be live streamed, followed by a reception in the King Rooms.

To learn more about Don Heyneman's incredible life, read his obituary

<https://bit.ly/Don-Heyneman-Obit>



### You can have your flower dedication included in the Order of Service

The cost for a dedication is only \$25. Since 1902, the Flower Committee has been making flower arrangements for the Sanctuary on Sundays. A flower dedication can be made in honor of a loved one, and it will be listed in the Order of Service. Work with a member of the flower committee to find the arrangement that is right for you. Email [jsilk@uusf.org](mailto:jsilk@uusf.org) for more information.

Website: <https://www.uusf.org/flowers>





# **“Gaining Vision at the Edge of the Miraculous”**

January 22, 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,  
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