

“Gongxi Gongxi: A Will to Hope in the Lunar New Year”

Sunday, February 5, 10:50 AM, 2023

First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco





Order of Service
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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
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>Let All Things Now Living, A Song of Thanksgiving</i>	G Winston Cassler
	<i>Gongxi Gongxi</i>	Chen Gexin
	<i>All People That on Earth Do Dwell</i>	GENEVAN PSALTER/M Thewes
		Reiko Oda Lane, organist

Opening Words and Welcome	Carmen Barsody, Worship Associate
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Introduction to the Lunar New Year	Lori Lai, Board Treasurer
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Unison Chalice Lighting	Carmen Barsody
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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.

*Hymn 163	<i>For the Earth Forever Turning</i>	BLUE GREEN HILLS OF EARTH
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Responsive Reading

A Litany of Traditional Blessings

translation, Rev. Seanan Fong

恭賀新禧	Respectfully wishing a new year!
萬事勝意	May the myriad things exceed your wishes!
恭喜發財	Congratulations on sudden riches!
龍馬精神	May you have the vitality of horse and dragon!
大吉大利	May you have great luck and great profit!
鴻圖大展	May your magnificent plans greatly develop!
新春愉快	May your new spring be happy!
福壽雙全	May your blessings and longevity both be complete!
竹報平安	The bamboo reports peace and security!
花開富貴	The flowers open to wealth and nobleness!

恭喜恭喜	<i>Gongxi gongxi!</i> Congratulations, congratulations!
恭喜你	<i>Gongxi ni!</i> Congratulations to you!

Greeting and Blessing One Another

Unison Covenant

Lori Lai

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

Alexandra Lee-Jobe

Reflection

Alexandra Lee-Jobe

Music

I Know I've Been Changed

Victor Johnson

UUSF Choir, Rusty Harris-Bishop, soloist; Mark Sumner, director

Times of Spoken and Silent Meditation

Rev. Seanan Fong

Offering

Carmen Barsody

Our offering this morning will be for the **Monterey Park Lunar New Year Victims Fund**. This Fund was launched by Asian Americans Advancing Justice Southern California — a legal aid and civil rights organization supporting Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders — in collaboration with several other organizations supporting the Asian American Pacific Islander community, including **Stop AAPI Hate**, the **Asian Pacific Community Fund**, the **Asian American Foundation**, **Stand With Asian Americans**, the **AAPI Equity Alliance**, the **Chinatown Service Center** and **Gold House**.

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” 2-05-23.

A rectangular orange button with rounded corners and a slight gradient, featuring the word "DONATE" in a dark, serif, all-caps font.

Offertory Music

Gongxi Gongxi

Chen Gexin

UUSF Choir; Mark Sumner, director; Bill Ganz, pianist

Sermon

“Gongxi Gongxi: A Will to Hope in the Lunar New Year”

Rev. Seanan Fong

*Hymn

Gongxi Gongxi

adapt. by Jonathan Barnhart;

translation, Seanan Fong; Chen Gexin, composer

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*Benediction

Rev. Seanan Fong

Postlude

Festival Toccata

Percy Fletcher

Reiko Oda Lane, organist

PARTICIPANTS

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Rev. Seanan Fong, Guest Minister
Carmen Barsody, Worship Associate
Lori Lai, Board Treasurer
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Joe Chapot, Live Chat Moderator
Thomas Brown, Sexton
Kelvin Jones, Sexton
Judy Payne, Flowers
Linda Messner, Head Usher

Musicians

Reiko Oda Lane, Organist
Mark Sumner, Music Director
UUSF Choir
Rusty Harris-Bishop, Soloist
Bill Ganz, Pianist

ABOUT

Rev. Seanan Fong is a Unitarian Universalist minister interweaving practice in conflict resolution, design, and philosophy. As a second-generation Chinese American, he is the co-author of *Family Sacrifices: The Worldviews and Ethics of Chinese Americans* (2019, Oxford University Press). His M.Div. is from Harvard Divinity School, where he studied Asian American religiosity and East Asian thought, and his B.A. in philosophy is from Stanford University. He was ordained in 2018 by the First Parish in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Having grown up in the Bay Area, he now lives in San Francisco where he serves as a product designer for a health technology company.

OFFERTORY

Our offering this morning will be for the Monterey Park Lunar New Year Victims Fund.
For more information about the Fund and Asian Americans Advancing Justice Southern California,
see these links below:

Monterey Park Lunar New Year Victims Fund: <http://bit.ly/3YIFLyg>

Asian Americans Advancing Justice Southern California: <https://www.ajsocal.org/>

163 For the Earth Forever Turning

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1. For the
2. For the
3. For the
4. For the

earth for - ev - er turn - ing; for the
moun - tains, hills, and pas - tures in their
sun, for rain and thun - der, for the
world we raise our voic - es, for the

skies, for ev - 'ry sea; for our
si - lent maj - es - ty; for the
sea - sons' har - mo - ny, for our
home that gives us birth; in our

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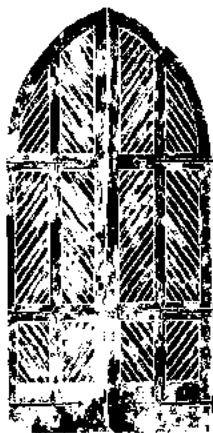
BLUE-GREEN HILLS OF EARTH
8.7.8.8.

P E A C E

lives, for all we cher - ish, sing we our
 stars, for all the heav - ens, sing we our
 lives, for all cre - a - tion, sing we our
 joy we sing re - turn - ing home to our

joy - ful song of peace.
 joy - ful song of peace.
 joy - ful praise to Thee.
 blue - green hills of earth.

1.-3. 4.



Gongxi Ni

Chinese New Year Song

English lyrics by Seanan Fong,
Adapted by J.H.B.

Music & Chinese lyrics by
Chen Gexin (QingYu)

REFRAIN



Gong - xi, Gong - xi, Gong-xi Ni, ya, Gong - xi, Gong - xi,

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Gong-xi Ni. Gong-xi, Gong-xi, Gong-xi Ni, ya, Gong-xi, Gong-xi,

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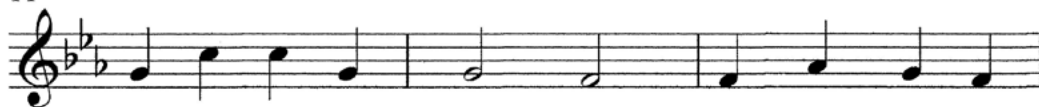
(Fine) VERSE



Gong - xi Ni.

1. On the streets and path - ways
2. Win - ter now is end - ing,
3. Bright white frost has melt - ed,
4. Chal - leng - es be - hind us,

11



ev' - ry tongue is sing - ing, the first word of
news for cel - e - bra - tion, warm spring breeze is
plum tree flow - ers grow - ing, the long night is
we have now been strength - ened, in their hearts the

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greet - ing is con - grat - u - la - tions!
blow - ing, wak - ing up the great earth.
o - ver, I can hear the cock crow!
child - ren wel - come in the new spring.

TODAY

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 on February 5th after the service to meet some of our members and learn more about our congregation and Unitarian Universalism in the community.

Sign a petition after the service on Sunday in the gallery at the Social Justice table to honor Dr. Howard Thurman with a street sign in San Francisco.

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.

Memorial Service - Sunday, February 5, 1:30 pm

A Service of Remembrance for Jeanine Bray will be held today at 1:30 pm. Available online only at <https://bit.ly/memorial2-5-23>.

UPCOMING

Young Adult Online Worship - Wednesday, February 8, 6:30pm PT - Online Only (<https://bit.ly/3YBQuFd>)

For young adults ages 18 through 30s are invited to attend a monthly worship just for them! Using a participatory style of worship, attendees will together create a sacred, nourishing, and loving young adults only space. Produced by the UU Young Adult Revival Network, this gathering is timed for the western time zones. A second worship, timed for the east coast, can also be attended on February 22 at 4:00 pm.

We Built This City On Rock'n'roll with Music Journalist Michael Goldberg

Sunday Forum, February 12, 9:30 am, TSK Room/Zoom (<https://www.uusf.org/forum>)

Join us at Sunday Forum for a talk about Rock Journalism and the San Francisco Rock scene with special guest Michael Goldberg. Mr. Goldberg is a former senior writer for Rolling Stone magazine, founder of the first internet rock and roll magazine Addicted To Noise, author of two recent books: Wicked Game: The True Story of- Guitarist James Calvin Wilsey and Addicted To Noise: The Music Writings of Michael Goldberg. Michael will talk about his life as a rock & roll journalist and some of the musicians he's interviewed and profiled. He'll share photos he took of Jerry Garcia, Bob Dylan, Ramblin' Jack Elliott, Patti Smith, Lou Reed, Neil Young, Tom Waits, Townes Van Zandt, Van Morrison, Frank Zappa, the Sex Pistols, and others. Doors open at 9:00 am. for breakfast food and conversation, and the Forum begins at 9:30 am., with Q&A from 10:30 to 10:50 am.

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>

Young Adult Lunch Outing - Sunday, February 12, 12:30 @ UUSF

Join fellow young adults for our monthly lunch outing. We will gather after Sunday worship service, pick a place to eat, and then walk over there. So come enjoy the 11am service and then join Maddy, Joe, old and new friends for a meal. This is a great opportunity to meet people in our community, whether you are brand new to UUism or a life-long member. We recommend bringing small bills or be prepared to use a money transfer service of your choice.

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, contact **Hanna Hart** at hanna@harts.net.

Sign-up now at <https://bit.ly/wintershelter23>

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

Strengthening Our Resiliency Muscle Led by Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of Congregational Life

Thursday, February 9 at 6:30 pm

After the pandemic, many of us are trying to find ways to regain 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. This course is based on the specialized training Laura received for a Certificate in Resilient Leadership from Seattle School of Theology & Psychology.

More Info: <https://www.uusf.org/are> Register at <http://bit.ly/3UZXzxT>

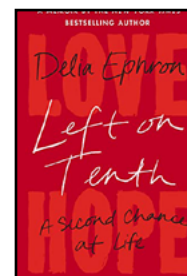
Minister's Book Group - "Left on Tenth: A Second Chance at Life: A Memoir" by Delia Ephron

Led by Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister - Register at <https://bit.ly/uusfmbgfeb23>

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.

Wednesday, February 15, 6:30-8:00 pm or Thursday, February 16, noon-1:30 pm

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



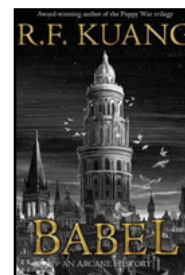
Minister's Book Group in March - "Babel" by R.F. Kuang

Led by Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister - Register at <https://bit.ly/uusfmbgmar23>

The full title, "Babel: Or the Necessity of Violence: An Arcane History of the Oxford Translators' Revolution" is a work of fantasy fiction set in 19th Century England at Oxford (Kuang herself is currently working on her PhD there). In her imagined world, words have particular power that raises for the protagonist questions of violence, colonial power, and the necessity of hard human choices. The book is 560 pages so get started early!

Wednesday, March 22, 6:30-8 pm or Thursday, March 23, noon-1:30 pm

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



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>

Are you interested in getting more involved at UUSF? We need your involvement!

The UUSF Nominating Committee is matching church groups who need volunteers with members looking for ways to get more involved. Every opportunity is unique in terms of time commitment, prior experience/skills and subject matter - we're confident that there is an opportunity that will suit you!

Current opportunities include ushering, joining the Art Committee or the Women's Group and working with the Health Education and Resource Team (HEART).

Go to <https://www.uusf.org/nominatingcommittee> to access available opportunities, or email the UUSF Nominating Committee at NomCom@uusf.org for more information.

Check out our "Help Wanted" bulletin board during coffee hour on Sundays after service! If you are a church group looking for volunteers, email the Nominating Committee and we'll work with you to publicize your opportunity.

For additional questions, or if you are interested in finding other ways to get involved at UUSF, feel free to contact the UUSF Nominating Committee at NomCom@UUSF.org



The William and Alice Hinckley Fund Scholarships

Or someone you know who will be attending graduate school in the 2023–2024 school year. Applicants must be coming from or attending school in one of the nine Bay Area counties and must be studying/training to join one of the helping professions.

The application period is open now through March 31. Click here to view or download the application form or if you have any questions email Lucy Smith at lsmith.630@gmail.com. Come on down!

Download application at <https://bit.ly/Hinckley23-24>

Hinckley Wants You!



Do You Have An Idea For A Workshop For Our K-12 Grades?

Is there a hobby you like to share with others like cooking, singing, creating art, acting, etc? On our 4th & sometimes 5th Sundays, we will be holding workshops for our K-12 students to explore different types of being creative.

If you are interested in leading one, then let Laura Shennum know by telling her in person, by email at lshennum@uusf.org, or by phone 509-881-9658.



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 for more information.

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



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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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