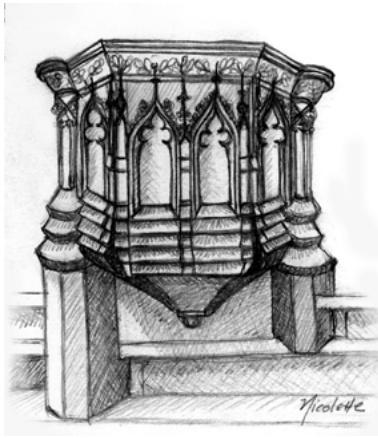




"Mourning and Celebrating"

Sunday, February 19, 10:50 AM, 2023
First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco



Order of Service
Sunday February 19, 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 to the Worship!

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.

Choir members who sing without masks as well as anyone who speaks during the worship service
on the Chancel have already been tested for Covid-19.

Prelude	<i>Prelude in E flat minor</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach
	<i>Bist du bei mir</i>	Bach
		Shawnette Sulker, soprano; Wm. García Ganz, pianist

Opening Words and Welcome	Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister
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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 1010

We Give Thanks

Wendy Luella Perkins

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Brief Invitations

Sam King, Worship Associate

Greeting One Another

Unison 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

Sam King

Music *Deep River*

Traditional Spiritual
Shawnette Sulker, soprano; Wm. García Ganz, pianist

Our offering this morning will be to support the work of **DRUMM (Diverse Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries)**. This offering, in particular, will go toward our sponsorship of DRUMM's upcoming Public Worship: Shine on Beautiful & Resilient People, on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 5:00 pm (PT) via Zoom. Links to the service will be in our April newsletters. For more information about DRUUM see their website at: <https://www.druumm.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" 2-19-23.

Offertory Music *Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child* traditional
Shawnette Sulker, soprano; Wm. García Ganz, pianist

*Hymn 149 *Lift Every Voice and Sing* James Weldon Johnson

*Benediction Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

Postlude *Alleluia* Wolfgang A. Mozart
Shawnette Sulker, soprano; Wm. García Ganz, pianist

PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leaders

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister
Sam King, Worship Associate

Sunday Support

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

Musicians

Mark Sumner, Songleader
Shawnette Sulker, Soprano
Wm. García Ganz, Pianist

ABOUT

On the operatic stage, **Shawnette Sulker** has been a featured artist in three San Francisco Opera productions: Porgy and Bess, The Mother of Us All, and Louise. She was also a part of the joint production of Dido and Aeneas between San Francisco Opera and the Crucible, singing the roles of Second Woman and Second Witch. Originally from Guyana, Ms. Sulker has sung leading roles with other companies of note, including Hawaii Opera Theatre, Internationale Opera Producties, Opera Naples, Union Avenue Opera, Natchez Opera Festival, Pacific Opera Project, West Edge Opera, Festival Opera, Music in the Mountains, Mendocino Music Festival, and West Bay Opera, to name a few.

Ms. Sulker created the role of Corina in the world-premiere of David Conte's opera Firebird Motel. She has also sung in the American premieres of the following operas: Adam Gorb's Anya17, Tarik O'Regan's Heart of Darkness, Fabrizio Carlone's Bonjour M. Gauguin, and Zenobia Powell Perry's Tawawa House. Her film credits include a soundtrack performance for the movie Mimic.

In concert, Ms. Sulker has performed with American Bach Soloists, Eugene Symphony, Mark Morris Dance Group, Bear Valley Music Festival, Peninsula Symphony, Symphony Silicon Valley, Pacific Chamber Orchestra, San Francisco Choral Society, Santa Clara Chorale, UC Davis Symphony Chorus & Orchestra, Masterworks Chorale, Avedis Chamber Music Series, and Redwood Symphony, to name a few. As a special guest of the Ritz-Carlton in Osaka, Japan Ms. Sulker was invited back three times to perform a series of Christmas concerts.

Mrs. Sulker is a graduate of Bennington College. She was a winner of the Irene Dalis Vocal Competition and attended both the Contemporary Opera and Song Program at the Banff Centre for the Arts in Canada and the OperaWorks Summer Intensive Program in Los Angeles. Learn More: <https://www.shawnettesulker.com/>

SERVE AS A VOLUNTEER NOW THROUGH MARCH 3 AT THE INTERFAITH WINTER SHELTER

Our community is once again hosting the Interfaith Winter Shelter right now through March 3. 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>

1010

We Give Thanks

Easy flow ♩ = 60

A9 sus4 D Em7

(Melody) Oh, we give thanks for this pre - cious

(Harmony) Oh, we give thanks for this pre - cious

D/F# Em7 D

day, For all gath - er'd here,

day, For all gath - er'd, all gath - er'd

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We Give Thanks - 2

F#m G D A/C#

and those far a - way; For this time we
(food)

here, far a - way; For this time we
(food)

Bm F#m/A G

share with love and care, _____

share with love and care,

We Give Thanks - 3

D/F# Em7 A9 sus4

Oh, we give thanks for this pre-cious

Oh, we give thanks for this pre-cious

D 1 A9 sus4 2

day. Oh, we give

day. Oh, we give

rit.

149 Lift Every Voice and Sing

$\text{♩} = 76$

1. Lift ev - ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en
 2. Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening
 3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
 rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had
 tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty; let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening
 died; yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry
 way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the

skies, let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 feet come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed?
 light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Words: James Weldon Johnson, 1871-1938
 Music: J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873-1954,
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LIFT EVERY VOICE
 Irregular

F R E E D O M

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we

taught us; sing a song full of the
 wa - tered; we have come, tread - ing our
 met thee; lest our hearts drunk with the

hope that the pres - ent has brought us; fac - ing the
 path thru the blood of the slaugh - tered, out from the
 wine of the world, we for - get thee; shad - owed be -

ris - ing sun of our new day be -
 gloom - y past, till now we stand at
 neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er

gun, let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

F R E E D O M

TODAY

Virtual Coffee Hour is now 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month! - Zoom Link: <https://bit.ly/coffeeuu>

Following the service, we invite you to join us for virtual coffee hour.

Gifts For Kopanang - February 19 and 26

We are hoping to collect two suitcases full of items for the women at Kopanang. If you wish to contribute, you can select from the suggested items or provide something else you think the women of Kopanang might appreciate.

We know from past experience that the women appreciate gifts of the following: Reading Glasses, Embroidery Thread, Embroidery Needles, Crayons for the children, Socks, Pencils, Aspirin, Ibuprofen, Tylenol, Pantyhose. Please drop off items at the table in the gallery before or after the service on February 19 or 26.

The Kopanang Community Trust, located in Brakpan, South Africa, just outside of Johannesburg, is an organization established to help women who carry the burden of HIV/AIDS, whether infected with the virus themselves or caring for a loved one who lives with the disease. Kopanang is a safe place for women to learn new skills and earn money to support themselves and their families. Introduced to us by our **Minister Emerita, Margot Campbell Gross**, UUSF has a history of supporting Kopanang financially and through our individual purchases of beautiful embroidered gifts that for a number of years were available for sale at UUSF during the holidays. If you have any questions, please contact **Gayle Reynolds**, project coordinator, by text or phone call at 510-331-9686 or email at gaylereynolds@sbcglobal.net

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

Young Adults Cook Dinner! - Friday, February 24, 5:00 pm @ UUSF

Please RSVP - email youngadults@uusf.org or talk to **Joe Chapot**. We will serve 70+ unhoused people as part of UUSF annual hosting of this program. Joe Chapot will be the lead cook, but the meal is TBD, so suggestions are welcome. Can't make this event? The Winter Shelter serves breakfast for three weeks. Sign-up now at <https://bit.ly/wintershelter23>

White Allies Meeting - Sunday, February 26 at 1:00 pm

This gathering which will be in person only, will be hosted by Rev. Shennum and Rev. Southern. This will be a chance to have a dialogue about our work to live the 8th principle. After the recent naming of harm that happened in worship, and as we move forward to grow and learn from these moments and also heal and lean forward into new ways of being, we know some folks also had questions, and wanted a chance to unpack the hurt that happened in the January 22nd service and the apologies and explanations that were shared on the 29th, for example. Here is an opportunity for our white folks to share their thoughts and questions about how we accomplish this work together.

Black, Indigenous, & People of Color Gathering - March 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. Please come join this space for joy, renewal, care and inspiration.

Newcomer Orientation - Sunday, March 5 at 12:30 pm in the Fireside Room

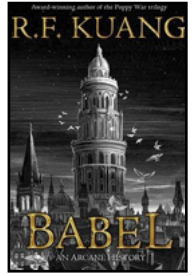
Here is an opportunity to learn more about Unitarian Universalism. Join us in the Fireside Room on February 5th after the service to meet some of our members and learn more about our congregation and Unitarian Universalism in the community.

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

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 speculative fiction set in 19th Century England at Oxford (Kuang, where she earned a Master's degree). 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.

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

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.

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.



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

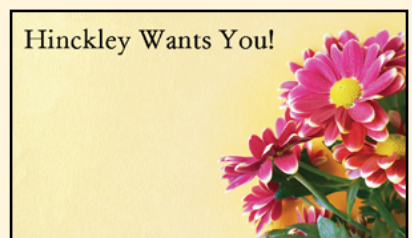
Is there a hobby you like to share with others like cooking, singing, creating art, acting, etc? On our 4th & sometimes 5th Sundays, we will be holding workshops for our K-12 students to explore different types of being creative.

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.

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. If you have any questions email Lucy Smith at lhsmith.630@gmail.com.

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



Welcome to the First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco

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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.

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Keeping Love Alive
Sunday, February 12, 2023

WATCH LAST WEEKS SERVICE: <https://bit.ly/2-12-23-uusf>