

From Special Creation to Kin:

How Scientific and Indigenous Understandings
Call Us to a New Relationship with Nature

Sunday, March 19, 10:50 AM, 2023

First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco



Order of Service
Sunday March 19, 2023
10:50 AM - 12:15 PM

Livestreamed at bit.ly/uusfmedia

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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 Gallery.

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>All Through the Night</i>	Welsh Melody, Jean Drahmann/Dale Wood
	<i>How Brightly Shines the Morning Star</i>	J S Bach
	<i>Morning Has Broken</i>	Gaelic Melody, Keith Chapman/ Dale Wood
		Reiko Oda Lane, organist

Opening Words and Welcome	Sam King, 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 38

Morning Has Broken

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Greeting One Another

Time for All Ages “The Morning After Creation” by Jamie Hinson-Rieger

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

Sara Ferree

Music Pilgrim's Hymn from *The Three Hermits*

Stephen Paulus
UUSF Choir, Mark Sumner, director

Reading “The Stream of Life” by Rabindranath Tagore

Sam King

Times of Spoken and Silent Meditation

Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger

Offering

This morning's offering will go to the work and ministries of this church. 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" 3-19-23.

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Offertory Music *Sing Gently*

Eric Whitacre
UUSF Choir, Mark Sumner, director

Sermon "From Special Creation to Kin"

Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger

*Hymn 203

All Creatures of the Earth and Sky

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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*Benediction

Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger

Postlude

All Creatures That on Earth Do Dwell

"Old 100th" Psalm Tune
Reiko Oda Lane, organist

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Please check out the updated design on the bulletin board outside the office!

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PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leaders

Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger, Guest Minister
Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of Congregational Life
Sam King, Worship Associate
Sara Ferree, Canvass Testimony

Sunday Support

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

Musicians

Reiko Oda Lane, Organist
Mark Sumner, Music Director
UUSF Choir
Bill Ganz, Pianist

ABOUT

Jamie Hinson-Rieger is the minister at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Indianapolis. Prior to ministry he studied history, economics, and mathematics in college and had an 18 year long career supporting community banking. He also has a lifelong love of art, philosophy, and music. He is grateful to serve in a religious tradition that draws on diverse sources for wisdom and inspiration, with transformative love and a call to justice at the center. In his spare time he loves spending time with his family (including our two dogs), playing guitar, and learning Spanish.

UUSF Annual Operating Fund Pledge Drive for 2023-24

It's Pledge Season! All March is the UUSF Annual Operating Fund Pledge Drive for 2023-24. Members, friends, and visitors alike make financial commitments to our community, enabling our ministry to flourish. Learn more about the drive at the Pledge Table in the gallery, after worship. To make your pledge go to <https://bit.ly/pledgeuusf2023>



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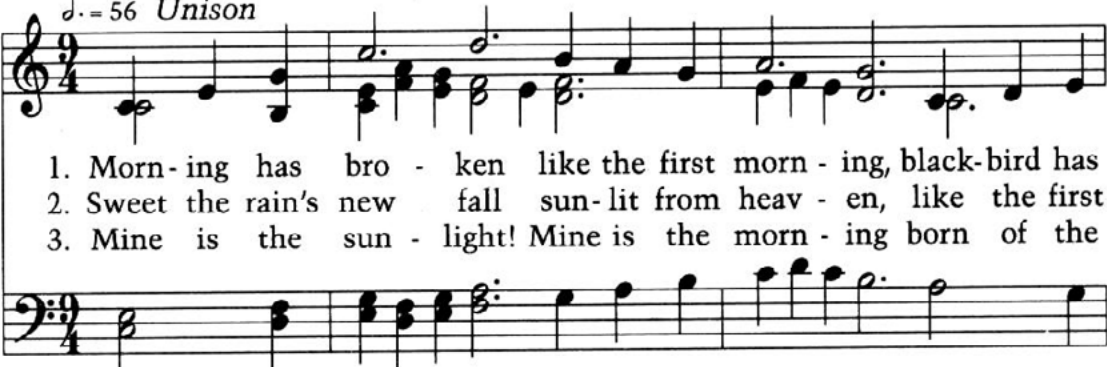
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BANNER YEAR!

UUSF ANNUAL CANVASS 2023-24



Morning Has Broken

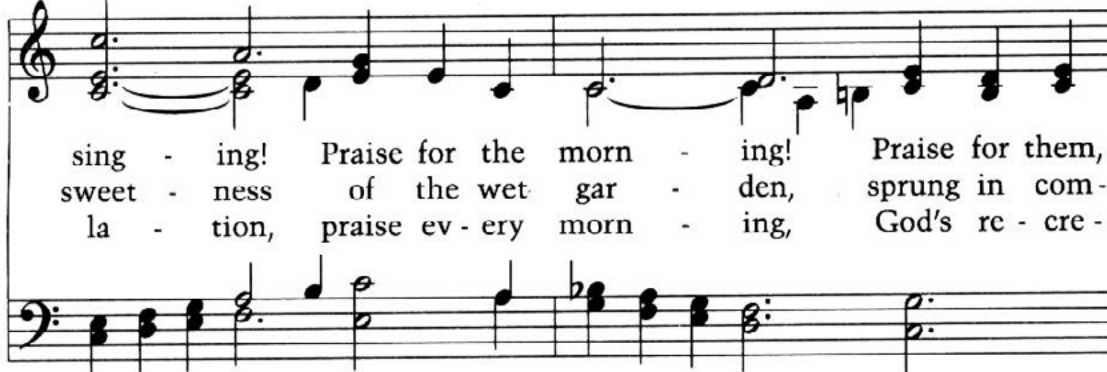
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1. Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing, black-bird has
 2. Sweet the rain's new fall sun-lit from heav - en, like the first
 3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e -



sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing! Praise for them,
 sweet - ness of the wet gar - den, sprung in com -
 la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing, God's re - cre -



spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 a - tion of the new day!

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 Evans, 1874-1948

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M O R N I N G

All Creatures of the Earth and Sky

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1. All crea- tures of the earth and sky, come,
2. Swift rush - ing wind so wild and strong, white
3. Cool flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make

kin - dred, lift your voic - es high, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -
clouds that sail in heav'n a - long, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -
mu - sic for all life to hear, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -

lu - ia! Bright burn - ing sun with gold - en beam, soft
lu - ia! Fair ris - ing morn in praise re - joice, high
lu - ia! Dance, flame of fire, so strong and bright, and

Words: Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, 1182–1226, alt.

Music: From *Ausserlesene Catholische Kirchengesang*, 1623, adapt. and harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958, music used by perm. of Oxford University Press

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W O R S H I P

TODAY

UU Forum & Women's Group - Sunday, March 19, 9:00 am TSK/Zoom (<https://bit.ly/forum-3-19-23>)

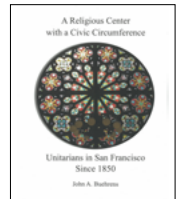
Anna Moeller will be talking about her leadership role in the Illinois State legislative repeal of a Parental Notification requirement before a minor could access abortion services. Rep. Moeller will also explain how this notification requirement disproportionately impacted low income and BIPOC minors who can become pregnant. Since taking office, Anna Moeller has championed legislation on pay equity, good-government reforms, environmental protection, increased access to healthcare, care for elderly and developmentally disabled individuals, support for young victims of sexual assault, nursing home reform, pro-choice legislation and bills that advance LGBTQ equality. <https://www.uusf.org/womensgroup>

"Art at Our Feet: Children's Sidewalk Chalk Drawings" - Sunday, March 19 at 12:15 pm, King's Galleries

After Service today you're invited to stroll through the sidewalk chalk Art Show and Reception, today till 2:00 pm. See how kids responded to the pandemic in March 2020!

Rev. Buehrens's new book on the history of UUSF will be available today after church!

Rev. John Buehrens will be signing copies of "A Religious Center with a Civic Circumference: Unitarians in San Francisco Since 1850" in the TSK Room just inside the door to the left of the bookmobile. The cost of the book is \$30.



UU's for Justice in the Middle East: Viewing of the Film "MLK in Palestine" - Today at 1:00 pm, Chapel

Viewing of the Film and a brief Q&A by Zoom with the writer of the film, Dr. Clayborne Carson. A light lunch will be offered prior to the film's screening. The glorious strains of gospel music wash over the West Bank in Field's potent film. As the Palestinian National Theater and an African-American choir mount a touring play about Martin Luther King Jr., written by Stanford Professor and King scholar Clayborne Carson, an impassioned cultural exchange ensues, new friendships are forged and attitudes are altered.

After the meeting we will have a brief Q&A by Zoom with the writer of the film, Dr. Clayborne Carson. Following that, we will have the first meeting of the newly formed UUJME (UU's for Justice in the Middle East chapter) to plan future events and activities. Representatives of JVP (Jewish Voice for Peace) and MECA (Middle East Children's Alliance) have been invited for this section of the meeting. Zoom Link: <https://bit.ly/3-19-23-UUJME> Meeting ID: 939 6971 6755 Passcode: 423857

UPCOMING

Sunday, March 26th: Special Coffee Hour!

Next Sunday our coffee hour will be a bonanza -- we will celebrate the formal end of our Annual Giving Campaign, our New Members who join that day, AND celebrate the almost 8 years of Joe's Chapot's work among us. If you want to contribute a special something to our coffee hour to make it more special, please feel free to do so. We'll have cake and coffee and time for a few words of gratitude too!

White Allies Meeting - Thursday, March 30 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Fireside Room

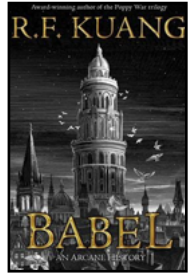
Our gathering after church on Sunday, February 26 was a very fruitful conversation. Thank you to all who came. In general we imagine that Sundays after church will be easier for folks to show up for. However, late March and early April after service are spoken for -- welcome to post-pandemic times! So, rather than go too long, we thought we'd schedule a meeting for a weeknight evening. We'll have some light dinner fare available so folks can know their blood sugar will be maintained at a fruitful level. We'll publish more details in the weeks ahead. Bring yourself and your questions and thoughts, hopes and ideas.

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.

Young Adults @ Nightlife @ Cal Academy - Thurs., March 23, 6pm at Cal Academy in Golden Gate Park

Join Anthea, Santana, and Joe for an evening at the California Academy of Science. Nightlife is an adults (21+) only time every week at this beloved SF institution. That means we can enjoy all the nature exhibits without any children around (all love to kids.) There is also a special exhibit, which apparently will be gaming related! We will likely meet for a meal beforehand, so keep an eye out for further details. If you want to attend but have financial concerns, we have the funds to support people.

Passover Seder - Friday, April 7 @ 6:30 pm, TSK Room - SIGN UP: <https://bit.ly/uusfseder2023>

Join us in celebrating freedom, exploring the connection between ancient ritual and modern liberation struggles, singing, and enjoying a delicious potluck dinner. All ages are welcome! We will provide chicken, wine, and traditional Passover food, including matzo and matzo ball soup. Please bring a dish to share if you are able. Suggested donation is \$10 per person, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds. If you are willing to lend a hand, please contact **Eric Shackelford** at eshack@gmail.com or stop by the Seder table in the Gallery after service on Sunday or you can sign up online at <https://bit.ly/uusfseder2023>

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.



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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"A Hermit's Life"
Sunday, March 12, 10:50 am

WATCH LAST WEEKS SERVICE: <https://bit.ly/03-12-23-UUSF>