

"What Prepares us for Sunrise?"

Easter Sunday, April 9, 10:50 AM, 2023

First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco

Order of Service
Sunday April 9, 2023
10:50 AM - 12:15 PM

Livestreamed at bit.ly/uusfmedia

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Welcome to the Worship!

Following the lead of the San Francisco Department of Health, UUSF will not require masks indoors on our premises anymore.

However, we encourage people to wear masks,
or do anything that protects and respect their own health and comfort.

Prelude	<i>O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!</i>	15th Century French melody arr. Gilbert Martin
	<i>Music from Water Music Suite</i>	Georg Friederic Handel
	<i>Air - Hornpipe</i>	

Jason Park, trumpet; Reiko Oda Lane, organ

Opening Words and Welcome

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.

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Brief Invitations

Richard Davis-Lowell, Worship Associate

Greeting One Another

Story for All Ages “A Town Called” by Vanessa Southern and Leila Menezes

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

Richard Davis-Lowell

Easter Bell Anthem *Now the Green Blade Riseth* Medieval French Carol arr. Kevin McChesney
UUSF Handbell Choir; Reiko Oda Lane, Director

Times of Spoken and Silent Meditation

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

Offering

The offering this Easter will go for the **Ministers' Discretionary Fund**. This Fund is available for special needs throughout the year. This year alone the fund has paid for home health care for a member returning from surgery, helped fund the production and self-publishing of Rev. Buehrens' fabulous new history of the congregation, "A Religious Center with a Civic Circumference: Unitarians in San Francisco Since 1850" and been available for other celebrations and needs of members and friends of the congregation and the community at large. Thank you in advance for your generous gifts to this fund and what it makes possible. 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" 04-09-23.

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Offertory Music *Sunrise*

Michael Hennagin
Choir, Mark Sumner, Director; Wm. García Ganz, piano

Sermon "What Prepares us for Sunrise?"

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

*Hymn

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

- 1 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
 Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
 Raise your joys and triumph high, Alleluia!
 Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
- 2 Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
 fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
 Struggle, loss and still we rise, Alleluia!
 Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!
- 3 *[The choir will sing verse three.]*
- 4 Hearts are strong, and voices sing, Alleluia!
 Where, O death, is now thy sting: Alleluia!
 As he taught his truth will save, Alleluia!
 Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

*Benediction

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

Postlude *Voluntary in D Major*

William Boyce
Jason Park, trumpet; Reiko Oda Lane, organ

*Please rise in body or spirit.



PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leaders

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister
Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of Congregational Life
Richard Davis-Lowell, Worship Associate

Sunday Support

Shulee Ong; Eric Shackelford; Jackson Munn, Livestream Cameras
Jonathan Silk, Communications Director
Judy Payne, Flowers
Linda Messner, Head Usher

Musicians

Reiko Oda Lane, Organ & Handbell Choir Director
Mark Sumner, Music Director
UUSF Handbell Choir
UUSF Choir
Jason Park, Trumpet
Bill Ganz, Piano

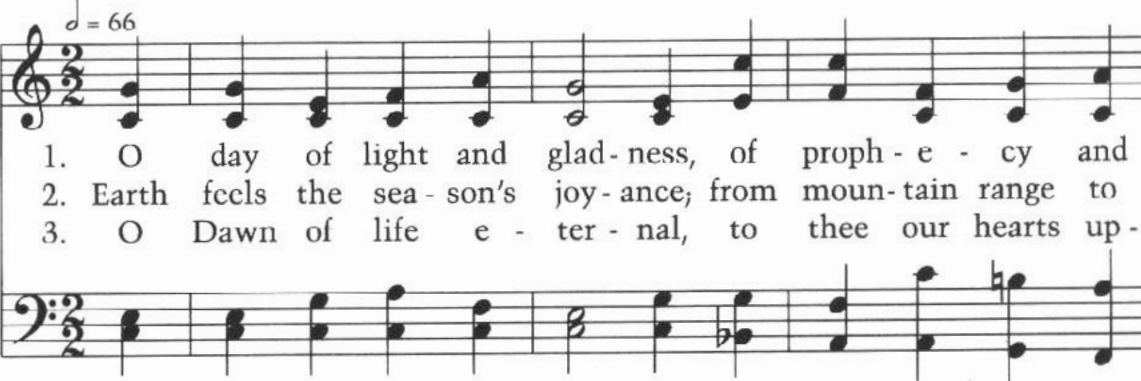


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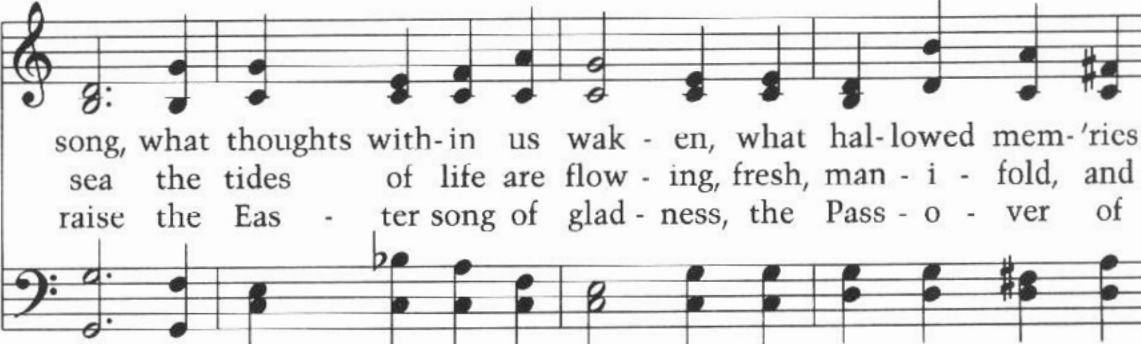
We have raised over \$500,000 of the \$750,000 of our goal from over 100 pledges. If you haven't pledged please do so. You can send us an email with your pledge (send it to Stewardship@uusf.org) or you can fill out a pledge form online at <https://bit.ly/pledgeuusf2023> or we will have some paper versions to hand out today. Thank you so much for your commitment of time, of talent and of your financial resources to make UUSF strong and enduring as a place for hope and community, transformation and justice-seeking in the world.

O Day of Light and Gladness 270

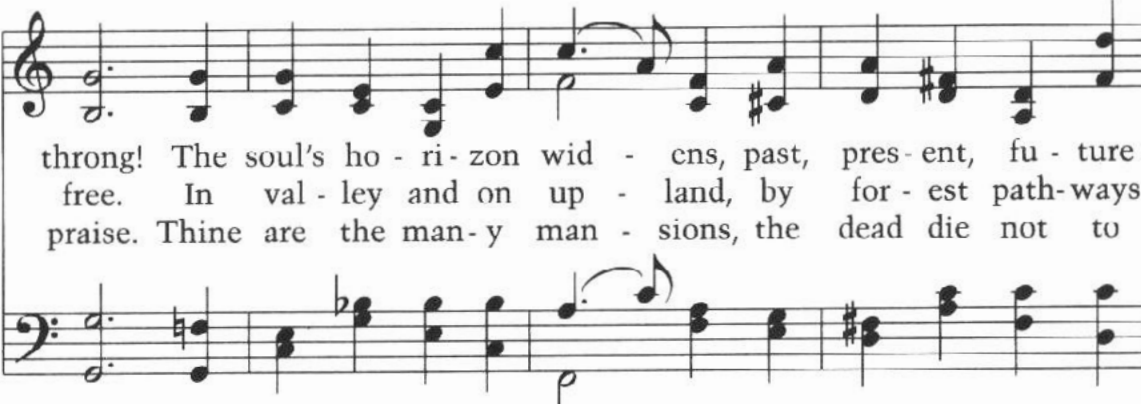
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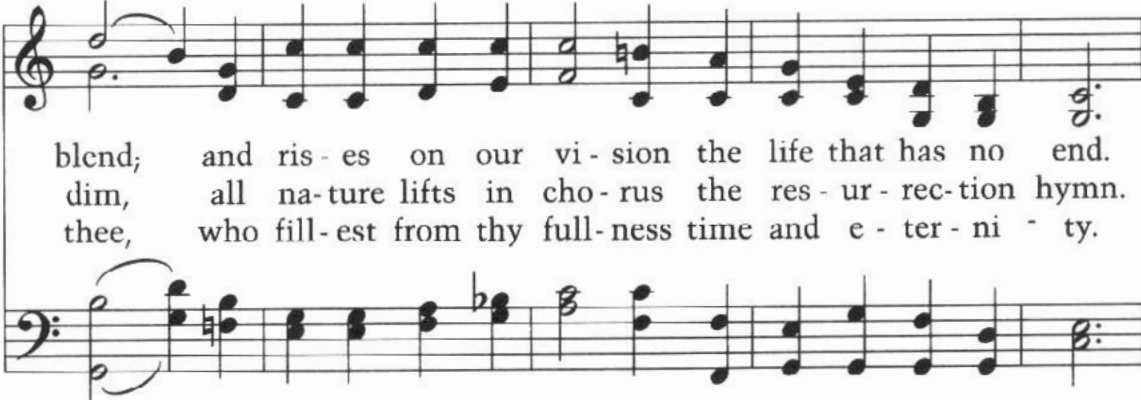
1. O day of light and glad-ness, of proph-e-cy and
2. Earth feels the sea-son's joy-ance; from moun-tain range to
3. O Dawn of life e-ter-nal, to thee our hearts up-



song, what thoughts with-in us wak-en, what hal-lowed mem-'ries
sea the tides of life are flow-ing, fresh, man-i-fold, and
raise the Eas-ter song of glad-ness, the Pass-o-ver of



thron! The soul's ho-ri-zon wid-ens, past, pres-ent, fu-ture
free. In val-ley and on up-land, by for-est path-ways
praise. Thine are the man-y man-sions, the dead die not to

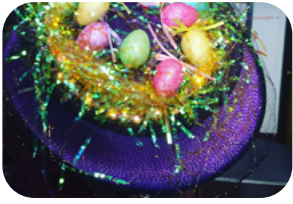


blend; and ris-es on our vi-sion the life that has no end.
dim, all na-ture lifts in cho-rus the res-ur-rec-tion hymn.
thee, who fill-est from thy full-ness time and e-ter-ni-ty.

⊕ Words: Frederick Lucian Hosmer, 1840-1929
Music: Henry Smart, 1813-1879

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Events, Meetings & Volunteer Opportunities (www.uusf.org/news)



In the Gallery, there will be an Easter Bonnet Library where you can select and return your Easter Bonnet. There will be no coffee hour today due to Tenderloin Tessie following this service. For over 40 years, Tenderloin Tessie Holiday Dinners, an all-volunteer organization, has fed the San Francisco community on Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Every holiday, over a thousand people attend their dinners at UUSF.

UPCOMING

Sign Up to Volunteer for the Interfaith Food Pantry - Saturday, April 15 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 April 15, 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>

UUs for Justice in the Middle East (UUJME) Bay Area - Wednesday, April 19, 7-8:30pm, Kincaid/Zoom

Join Jewish Voices for Peace Bay Area for a 4-part workshop diving into the book "A Land with a People: Palestinians and Jews Confront Zionism." The book is a collection of personal stories, history, poetry, and art. The workshop is free, and JVP Bay Area will facilitate getting you a copy of the book. Learn more by going to <https://www.uusf.org/uujme>.

Forum - Sunday, April 23, 9:00 am TSK Room/Zoom (<https://bit.ly/forum-4-23-23>)

Understanding the national movement to ban library books that challenge rightwing perspectives, and how communities can organize to stop book bans with **Deborah Doyle**. Deborah has been an active library advocate at local, state and national levels for 25 years.

Are You Intimidated By Using Google Docs? We're here to help! April 30 and May 7 after church.

Gino Fortunato will lead two identical trainings following Sunday services in the Stebbins Room on April 30 and May 7, from 12:30-1:30 pm. Please bring your lunch as well as any questions you might have! Please email Erica Murray in advance with any inquiries at ericaelizabeth@hotmail.com. It would be preferable if you could also bring your laptop computer or tablet, but this is not obligatory.

Forum - Sunday, April 30, 9:00 am TSK Room/Zoom (<https://bit.ly/forum-4-30-23>)

Update on Our City: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly with Tim Redmond! Currently, San Franciscans are becoming more and more skeptical of the way this City is being managed, the growing number of people living and dying on our streets, many from the effects of the fentanyl epidemic. Who is responsible, and can this City overcome these failures, which are growing with no end in sight?

Newcomer Orientation - Sunday, May 7 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.

2023 All Church Retreat - Sat, May 27th - Mon, May 29, Occidental, CA - Registration deadline is May 15!

It's time to retreat to the Redwoods! We are ready to return to Sonoma Country to enjoy time with friends and family. We'll spend our first evening at the campfire making s'mores, singing campfire songs, and staring up at the star-filled night sky. There will be time to enjoy a walk in the woods, read a book or play games. We'll have fun workshops and fun worship. We'll dance the Happy Dance at the Talent Show. Come and rejuvenate the spirit. You'll be glad you did. This is a family-friendly event! The CYO Retreat Center has comfortable dormitory cabins, showers and bathrooms, swimming pool, a pond for canoeing, archery, tennis and basketball courts, and beautiful trails. CYO is up the road from Wild Oat Bakery, famous for their sticky buns; local wineries, the town of Occidental, and close by to the Russian River. Retreaters bring their own bedding, towels and toiletries.

Adults: \$205; Children (4-18): \$150; Children (0-3): Free! Register at <https://bit.ly/3nvoSnD>

Scholarships are available by going to <https://bit.ly/436QT5q>. Website: <https://www.uusf.org/retreat>

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

April Minister's Book Poetry Group - A Celebration of Poetry: What's Fresh?!

Led by Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister - Register at <https://bit.ly/MBG2023>

In April we will have two sessions in which we gather to celebrate poetry. Vanessa encourages you to find and bring a poem you love by a poet whose voice you think feels fresh and new. You can look online to the poetry foundation, see who is a poet laureate in our nation (or another) or of our state (or another), or head to your local bookstore for a recommendation. Bring one to share. Feel free to come both days for this month's book group!

Wednesday, April 26, 6:30-8 pm or Thursday, April 27, noon-1:30 pm



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.

You're invited to the ordination of Meg McGuire! - Sunday, April 16 at 2:00 pm, Sanctuary/Livestream

INFO: <https://bit.ly/meg23ord> / LIVESTREAM: <https://bit.ly/uusfmeg2023>



On Sunday April 16 at 2:00 pm, our former ministerial intern **Meg McGuire** will be jointly ordained into the Unitarian Universalist ministry by UUSF and her home congregation in Columbus.

The ordination will be held at UUSF, with a reception to follow, as well as available by livestream.

RSVPs are appreciated, but not required (<https://bit.ly/meg23ord>)

Rheiner Award For Community Service Presentation & Reception, Sunday, April 23

Join us on Sunday, April 23, when the congregation honors one of its members with the Rheiner Award for Community Service, honoring their outstanding activities in the larger community outside the church walls that illustrate their commitment to Unitarian Universalist values. The presentation will be made during the 11 a.m. worship service, followed by a complimentary lunch and reception, where you can congratulate the recipient and learn more about the ways they live Unitarian Universalism in their daily life. The award honors the late **Rev. Conard Rheiner (1902-1987)**, a Universalist minister who was an active member of this congregation during the later years of his long career in social work. Photographs of prior recipients of the Rheiner Award are displayed in the gallery near the elevator.

Learn More at <https://www.uusf.org/rheiner>



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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