



"We Are All the Same.... and Not:

**A service of celebration
and reflection on being
in community"**

Sunday, September 17, 10:50 AM, 2023

First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco



Order of Service
Sunday September 17, 2023
10:50 AM - 12:15 PM

Livestreamed at bit.ly/uusfmedia

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Welcome to the Worship!

UUSF will no longer require masks indoors on our premises,
following the lead of the San Francisco Department of Health.

We do, however, encourage people to wear masks or do anything else
that protects and respects their own health and comfort.

There is a designated mask-only area on the far right side of the Sanctuary.

Prelude	<i>De Tierra Lejana Venimos</i>	Isla del Encanto arr. E M Diemer
	<i>Somos del Senor</i>	Spanish Melody arr. E M Diemer
	<i>Make Channels for the Streams of Love</i>	Land of Rest arr. Dale Wood
		Reiko Oda Lane, organist

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 187

It Sounds Along the Ages

FAR OFF LANDS

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Greeting One Another

Story for All Ages

Mari Magaloni Ramos, Worship Associate

Music *Mexico Lindo*
Jalisco no te Rajes

Chucho Monge
Jorge Negrete

Unison Covenant

Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of Congregational Life

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 Prayer/Meditation

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

Music *Esto Les Digo*

Kinley Lange
UUSF Choir, Mark Sumner, director; Morgen Warner, soprano

*This I say to you, if two of you are put in accord here in the earth to ask anything in prayer,
thou will give it to you, because where two or three are gathered, there am I in the midst of them.*

Offering

Our offering this morning will go to disaster relief for those in need of support after the horrific flooding in Libya this week. We are still identifying a reputable means for channeling that aid. All suggestions are welcome in this regard. 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 9-17-23 and “special offering”.

DONATEOffertory Music *La Guadalupana*

Traditional

Sermon "We Are All the Same.... and Not"

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

*Hymn 305

De Colores

DE COLORES

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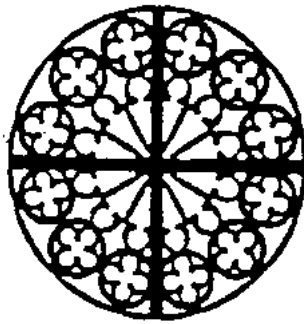
*Benediction

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

Postlude *Celebración del Día de la Independencia*

Traditional

*Please rise in body or spirit.



PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leaders

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister
Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of Congregational Life
Mari Magaloni Ramos, Worship Associate
Santana González Gómez, Worship Associate
Galen Workman, Board of Trustees
The Ferree Family, Unison Chalice Lighting

Sunday Support

Shulee Ong; Eric Shackelford; Jackson Munn, Cameras
Asani Seawell, Live Chat Moderator
Jonathan Silk, Communications Director
Matias Salazar, Sexton
Amy Kelly, Flowers
Linda Messner, Head Usher

Musicians

Reiko Oda Lane, Organist
UUSF Choir
Mark Sumner, Music Director
Morgen Warner, Soprano

187 It Sounds Along the Ages

$\text{♩} = 116$

1. It sounds a - long the a - ges, soul an - swer - ing to
 2. From Si - nai's cliffs it ech - oed, it breathed from Bud - dha's
 3. It calls — and lo, new jus - tice! It speaks — and lo, new

soul; it kin - dles on the pag - es of
 tree, it charmed in Ath - ens' mar - ket, it
 truth! In ev - er no - bler stat - ure and

ev - ery Bi - ble scroll; the psalm - ist heard and
 hal - lowed Gal - i - lee; the ham - mer stroke of
 un - ex - haust - ed youth. For - ev - er on re -

sang it, from mar - tyr lips it broke, and
 Lu - ther, the Pil - grims' sea - side prayer, the
 sound - ing, and know - ing nought of time, our

Words: William Channing Gannett, 1840–1923

Music: Melody of the Bohemian Brethren, *Hemlandssånger*, Rock Island, Illinois, 1892, arr.

FAR OFF LANDS
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OUR COMMON GROUND

proph-et tongues out - rang it till sleep-ing na-tions woke.
or - a - cles of Con-cord one ho - ly word de - clare.
laws but catch the mu - sic of its e - ter - nal chime.



De Colores

305

$\text{♩} = 60$

1. All the col-ors, yes, the col - ors we see in the
 2. All the col-ors, yes, the col - ors of peo - ple pa-
 3. All the col-ors, yes, the black and the white and the
 1. *De col - or - es, de col - or - es se vis - ten los*

spring-time with all of its flow-ers. All the
 rad - ing on by with their ban-ners. All the
 red and the brown and the yel - low. All the
cam - pos en la pri - ma - ve - ra. De col-

Words: David Arkin, used by perm. of Hodgin Press

Music: Traditional Spanish folk,

⊕ arr. by Betty A. Wylder, 1923- , © 1992 Unitarian Universalist Association

DE COLORES

Irregular with refrain

col - ors, when the sun - light shines out through a
 col - ors, yes, the col - ors of pen - nants and
 col - ors, all the col - ors of peo - ple who
 - or - es, de col - or - es son los pa - ja -

rift in the cloud and it show - ers. All the
 stream - ers and plumes and ban - dan - nas. All the
 smile and shake hands and say "Hel - lo!" All the
 ri - tos que vien - en de a fue - ra. De col -

col - ors, as a rain - bow ap - pears when a
 col - ors, yes, the col - ors of peo - ple now
 col - ors, yes, the col - ors of peo - ple who
 or - es, de col - or - es es al ar - co

storm cloud is touched by the sun.
 tak - ing their place in the sun. All the
 know that their free - dom is won. Y por
 ir - is que ve - mos lu - cir.

col - ors a - bound for the whole world a - round and for
 e - so los gran - des a - mo - res de much - os col -

ev - 'ry - one un - der the sun.
 or - es me gus - tan a mi. Interlude

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

TODAY

The European Refugee Crisis. Forum with Richard Hardigan - Sept. 17, 9:30 am, TSK Room

In 2015 over 1.3 million people applied for asylum in Europe. They were escaping violence, conflict, religious or ethnic discrimination and poverty. This surge of refugee arrivals in Europe in 2015 is part of what is often called the European Refugee Crisis. Richard Hardigan is a professor at San Francisco State University. He has worked with refugees on the Greek islands of Lesbos and Samos, in the forests along the Balkan Route and on the rescue ships Sea Watch and SOS Humanity in the Central Mediterranean. Light breakfast served at 9am.
Zoom: bit.ly/uuforum-9-17-23 Info: www.uusf.org/forum

Aloha! On September 17 our online Auction will go live (bit.ly/UUAuction23)

The Online Auction goes live after services today! And while you are at the site, get your tickets for the October 15 live auction and Party after services that day. Buy your tickets in advance at bit.ly/uusftickets and you will be quickly checked in and graced with a beautiful handmade lei! (Buy tickets on the day of the event and you will be standing in the slower ticket line before getting to the leis.)

Want to become part of the crew? Our Auction Committee Meeting will be today (September 17) after services in the Kincaid Room. Please come share your ideas, strengths and energy with us. No experience is needed and light refreshments will be provided.

The Auction is UUSF's largest fundraiser of the year and it includes an authentic Luau, live Hawaiian band, dancing, signature Mai-Tai Tiki Hut, photo booth, raffle, surprises, arts and crafts, children's activities and much more. Topping it off, special guest auctioneer Gary Lorentzen, will be thrill us with live auction magic. This auction is family friendly.

Questions? Gino Fortunato (yospike0@yahoo.com), Gregory Stevens (gregorystevensw@gmail.com) or Cheryl Deaner (cdd.mft@gmail.com)



HAPPENINGS

Small Group Ministry Sign Ups! - Registration link: bit.ly/sgmuusf23

Small Group Ministry is an ongoing program to help us deepen our connections to each other, grow spiritually and strengthen the First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco community as a whole. Small groups of about ten people meet twice a month to share important parts of our lives. We practice deep listening, which enables us to form lasting friendships, build stronger community, and minister to each other. Groups will meet starting in October and run through May. They will meet twice a month. If you are interested in participating, then please register at the link provided. If you have questions, contact Rev. Laura at lshennum@uusf.org



Let's Create a New Photo Directory

We are creating a new Photo Directory of the member and friends of our community. Please schedule a time for your photo session at bit.ly/photouusf2023 or by stopping at the table after the worship service. If everyone participates, we will have a valuable tool for remembering names and faces. It won't be complete without you!



Home Match Presentation By Luke Barnesmoore & Lucie Ashley - Sept. 24 at 9:30 am in MLK room

Home Match is a free service that supports mostly older adults with a room to rent in their home or apartment (or an ADU on their property) through the process of connecting and living with a community member seeking affordable housing. Come hear about this program and how you might get involved. They will have a table set up after the service as well to answer any questions.

For more information, contact Laura Shennum at lshennum@uusf.org.

Black, Indigenous, & People of Color Gathering - Oct. 1 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 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.

HAPPENINGS

The Cuba Embargo Must End. Forum with Mark Ginsburg - Sept. 24, 9:30 am, TSK Room

President Obama removed Cuba from the State Department's list of "state sponsors of terrorism" in 2015, a small step in weakening the embargo of Cuba that was already nearly 60 years old. President Trump reversed that decision, and President Biden has not undone this meritless designation. The unjustified blockade or embargo inflicts great human suffering on the people of Cuba and must end. Mark Ginsburg is a Visiting Scholar in the International Education Policy program at University of Maryland (USA). Light breakfast served at 9am.

Zoom: <https://bit.ly/uuforum-9-24-23> Info: www.uusf.org/forum

Newcomer Orientation - Sunday, Oct. 1 at 12:30 pm in the Fireside Room

Do you want to learn more about Unitarian Universalism? Join us in the Fireside Room after the service to meet some of our members and learn more about our congregation and Unitarian Universalism in the community.

Parent/Guardian Education Event: Youth Mental Health Awareness - Oct. 1 at 12:30 TSK room

we will have the first of our Parent/Guardian Education Events. We will watch the movie, Tell My Story, which is a film to raise awareness about youth mental health. We will have a discussion afterwards facilitated by Athena Papadakos, Mental Health Professional and Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of Congregational Life. Resources will be offered at the end of the session. Lunch and childcare will be provided.

"Concert for Community" - Oct. 1 at 1pm Sanctuary/Online - Livestream: bit.ly/uusfconcert10-1-23

As part of our October Extravaganza of Joy events and in a special offering for our community, Flutist / composer **Christian Artmann**, **Elena McEntire** (daughter of **Bruce and Ruth Cowan**), and pianist / composer **Laszlo Gardony** will be celebrating the joy of coming together in music and the release of Christian's new album *The Middle of Life* (Sunnyside, 2023). Deeply centered in contemporary jazz but also reflecting European roots, the music transcends stylistic boundaries and "conveys a perspective beyond boundaries—a singular story capable of including us all" (All About Jazz).

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

Weekly Grief Group meets on Saturdays from 10 am to 11:30 am in the Fahs Room

Facilitated by **Bruce Clements** we will meet weekly to create a space for conversation, community, and sharing about grief people are experiencing in their lives. This group is drop-in. More info contact Rev. Shennum at lshennum@uusf.org. Bruce grew up in New York City and graduated from Columbia College, Union seminary and the state university of New York at Albany. Question of the week "What stories do you tell people about the person you lost? What stories do you tell yourself?"

Minister's Book Group - 9/27, 6:30-8pm Midnight Library by Matt Haig (on Zoom)

All are welcome to join the Minister's Book Group, an on-line gathering in which we read a book our Senior Minister, Vanessa Southern, chooses (often before she has read it!). Designed to provoke conversation about our lives and values, enter into the voice and experience of writers and thinkers we can learn from, and chew on both fiction and non-fiction, gathering wisdom from among us! Go to <https://www.uusf.org/are> to check out the upcoming book groups and you can register at <https://bit.ly/3szGbGL>

Three-Part "White Fragility" Discussion Group - 9/28, 10/23 & 11/30 6:30 to 8pm (in person)

A classic for beginning to see frameworks for how to step into the work of seeing and undoing patterns that perpetuate white supremacy, the book "White Fragility" looks at both structures, but more so ways of thinking and behaving that reinforce the structures and culture of white supremacy. Robin DiAngelo's book is one that we recommend all members of UUSF not only read but participate in a discussion group around. Participants are asked to prepare for each session by reading the assigned chapters. Please RSVP to Vanessa if you want to be part of the three-part discussion. Vanessa's email is: VRSouthern@uusf.org.

HEBREW BIBLE: An Introduction for Skeptics, Seekers, and Progressives - Oct. 2 to Dec 4

Nine sessions, Monday evenings 7pm to 8:30pm beginning October 2 on Zoom and led by Rev. John Buehrens. Open to UUs and friends throughout the Bay Area. The first session is free and open to all, although prior registration is necessary to receive the Zoom link. Like the following eight sessions, it is based on the book, *Understanding the Bible: An Introduction for Skeptics, Seekers, and Religious Liberals*, by Buehrens (Beacon, 2002). Copies from UUSF for \$15 or online from Beacon, UUA or Amazon. Register at <https://bit.ly/3YYh6Bu>

Mariachi Trio El Jalisco provided today's special guest music. They provide excellent music for your event. Trio Jalisco performs at Quinceaneras, Weddings, Fiestas, Mananitas, Serenades, Family Reunions, Anniversaries, Festivals, and other special events in the San Francisco Bay Area and Northern California. Salvador Chavez, manager of Trio Jalisco.

Find Mariachi Trio El Jalisco on Facebook at www.facebook.com/eltriojalisco/

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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"Ingathering Sunday: Bring in the
People and the Waters!"
Sunday, September 10, 2023

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