

"The Uses and Abuses of Scripture"

Sunday, October 8, 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 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	Three sections:	Grandview Aloha Band
	<i>i. Kamakani Ka'iili Aloha (The Kipahulu Zephyr)</i>	Matthew Kane, Composer
	<i>ii. Kamakani Ka'iili Aloha</i>	Ka'ala Carmack, arr.

A heartbroken man on Maui who is missing his wife, seeks help from a priest who tells him, "Take a calabash to the shore where you and your wife go fishing. Chant into the bowl and set it adrift in the waves." The bowl, as if by magic, is blown by a gentle wind across the channel to Oahu. As the bowl comes ashore his wife sees the bowl and is reminded of her husband, and so she returns happily to him.

<i>iii. Ke Ao Nani</i>	Mary Pukui, Composer Ka'ala Carmack, Chanter
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A children's chant to honor the natural beauty of Hawai'i.

Opening Words and Welcome	Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of Congregational Life
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Unison Chalice Lighting	Dennielle and Miles Kronenberg
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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 38	<i>Morning Has Broken</i>	BUNESSAN
	Mark Sumner, songleader; Wm. García Ganz, pianist	

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Greeting One Another

Music EKOLU MEA NUI (Three Greatest Things) Robert J.K. Nawahine Composer
Pastor James Aaron & Ka'ala Carmack, Singers

Three important things in the world, faith, hope and aloha, aloha is the best, and everything is blessed.

Story for All Ages Two Creation Stories Rev. Laura Shennum

Unison Covenant Dennis Adams, Worship Associate

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.

Music E MAU ANA KA HA'AHEO (Enduring Pride) Grandview Aloha Band
Haunani Apoliona, Composer

An expression of pride in our Hawaiian heritage. Haunani advises us to bring the best from the past forward into our future.

Time of Prayer/Meditation Rev. Laura Shennum

Offering

Today's offering will be given to support the **Faith in Action Bay Area Belong Emergency Fund**. This fund helps to pay for hotels, food, and other necessities that the city is not providing at this crisis point when the city's family shelters are all full and the city is ending its hotel vouchers. Right now, families, some newly arrived and seeking asylum, are facing life on the streets. As a church that supports and is committed to our Sanctuary City, we are failing asylum-seeking families, and we need your help! To learn more go to <https://bit.ly/faithaction23>. To make a donation on Vanco (bit.ly/uusfpayments) or using the Donate Button or scan the QR code (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 10-08-23 and "special offering".



Music EI NEI (My Dear One) Grandview Aloha Band
Lena Machado, "The Songbird of Hawai'i", Composer

Our love keeps us going and is essential to strengthen us as we face life's challenges.

Resp. Reading 640 "The Beatitudes" Laura Shennum and Dennis Adams
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Sermon "The Uses and Abuses of Scripture" Rev. John Buehrens

*Hymn 187 *It Sounds Along the Ages* FAR OFF LANDS
Mark Sumner, songleader; Wm. García Ganz, pianist
([CLICK HERE OR TURN TO PAGES 7 & 8 TO VIEW HYMN](#))

*Benediction Rev. John Buehrens

Postlude *Island Style/Ōiwi e* Grandview Aloha Band
John Cruz / Kumu Hula John Keola Lake, Composers

Ōiwi e celebrates the ties between the people and their lands and has become an anthem of Hawaiian pride.

Island Style/Ōiwi e Sing-Along

On the island, we do it island style

From the mountain to the ocean from the windward to the leeward side (Repeat)

Mama's in the kitchen cooking dinner real nice

Beef stew on the stove, lomi salmon with the ice

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We eat and drink and we sing all day
 Kanikapila in the old Hawaiian way
 On the island, we do it island style
 From the mountain to the ocean from the windward to the leeward side (Repeat)
 We go grandma's house on the weekend, clean yard
 If we no go, grandma gotta work hard
 You know my grandma, she like the poi real sour
 I love my grandma every minute, every hour
 On the island, we do it island style
 From the mountain to the ocean from the windward to the leeward side
 From the mountain to the ocean from the windward to the leeward side (Repeat 2 times)

*Please rise in body or spirit.

PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leaders

Rev. John Buehrens
 Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of
 Congregational Life
 Dennis Adams, Worship Associate
 Lori Lai, Treasurer
 Dennielle and Miles Kronenberg,
 Chalice Lighting

Sunday Support

Shulee Ong; Eric Shackelford, Cameras
 Gregory Stevens Chat Moderator
 Jonathan Silk, Communications Director
 Jose Matias Pineda, Sexton
 Athena Papadakos, Flowers
 Linda Messner, Head Usher

Musicians

Grandview Aloha Band:
 Ka'ala Carmack
 Rosalie Alfonso
 William Klingelhofer
 Pastor James Aarona
 Mark Sumner, Songleader
 Wm. García Ganz, Pianist

ABOUT

Pastor James Aarona, Kanaka maoli native of Hawaii Nei, retired from the US Postal Service and a licensed minister of the Hawaii Conf. United Church of Christ serving three Hawaiian churches: Kalanikahua Hou, Ha'iku, Hi.; Kaulanapueo, Huelo, Hi.; and Nahiku, Hi. (Ho'ole Pope Halepule Congregation).

Ka'ala Carmack is a native Hawaiian musician, composer, arranger, singer, pianist & ukulele player. He arrived in SF the night before his 31st birthday, January 5, 1978 and has been making music ever since. The solid foundation he received learning to play by ear from his grandmother was more than enough of a foundation to build on his formal training at Indian University School of Music. Ka'ala returned to San Francisco in 2018 from Windward Community College in Kaneohe where he was head of the Music Program, Director of the Hawaiian Music Institute, taught Hawaiian Music courses and conducted the choir. Today he enjoys playing music with his wife Rosalie and his good friend Bill Klingelhofer.

William Klingelhofer, born in Illinois, graduated from Northwestern University School of Music in 1972 and formerly played Principal French Horn in the Chicago, Houston, Santa Fe, and San Francisco Opera Orchestras. He is a member of the San Francisco UU Congregation, and enjoys playing Hawaiian music with Ka'ala and Rosalie with the Grandview Aloha Band.

Rosalie Alfonso, attended San Francisco State University and along with receiving her undergraduate degrees, in Art (1984) and in Dance (2008), she received a graduate degree in Creative Arts Education in 1997. Trained as a taiko player, she performed with the San Francisco Taiko Dojo until she retired to raise a family. Now she breathes into her metal goblet drum her taiko spirit and infuses her gourd drum (Ipu) with her passion for Hawaiian music and attraction to world rhythms. Rosalie is a native of San Francisco and dances as the spirit moves her.

Morning Has Broken

♩. = 56 Unison

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!

Words: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881-1965, used by perm. of David Higham Assoc., Ltd.
 Music: Gaelic melody, © 1931 Oxford University Press, harmony by David
 Evans, 1874-1948

BUNESSAN
 5.5.5.4.D.

M O R N I N G

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

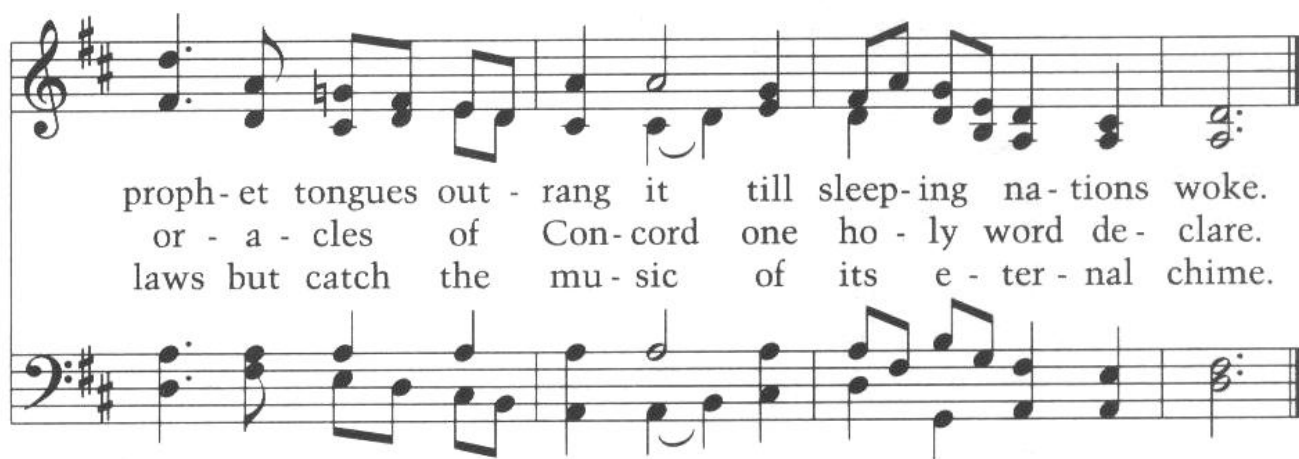
ev - ery Bi - ble scroll; the psalm - ist heard and
 hal - lowed Gal - i - lee; the ham - mer stroke of
 un - ex - haust - ed youth. For - ev - er on re -

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, *Hemlandssångar*, Rock Island,
 Illinois, 1892, arr.

FAR OFF LANDS
 7.6.7.6.D.

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.



THE BEATITUDES

Blessed are you poor. The realm of God is yours.

Blessed are you who hunger today. You shall be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep today. You shall laugh.

Blessed are the humble. They will inherit the earth.

Blessed are the merciful. They will find mercy.

Blessed are the peacemakers. They will be ranked as children of God.

You are the salt of the earth. And if salt become tasteless, how is its saltiness to be restored? It is good for nothing.

You are the light of world. When a lamp is lit, it is not put under a bushel, but on the lampstand, where it gives light to everyone in the house.

MATTHEW AND LUKE

TODAY

How to Get Ready for the Aloha Ohana Auction on October 15 (bit.ly/UUAuction23)

The Auction is but a week away! Here are just a few ways to get the most out of it:

- Aloha Ohana means “Welcome Community!” Know that we are coming together not only to raise much needed funds but to build community and spread joy.
- Bid on the online silent auction today. With many new and exciting auction offerings, you are guaranteed to find something by going to <https://bit.ly/uusfbidauction>. We will also have bidding tables at the Auction until 2pm, when the live auction with **Gary Lorentzen** begins.
- Buy your tickets online at <https://bit.ly/uusftickets> or at the Auction table this Sunday. This is the last week of tabling and your chance to avoid the slower ticket line at the auction. Every auction ticket sold will donate \$5 to Maui Strong.
- Enjoy poi – poi is a neutral starch food much like rice. Good on its own, it is stellar as a base food under other dishes. And remember - we are having a full luau complete with a dessert, so come hungry!
- Bring your surf board – we will have a surfboard display on the main stage. This is a good way to get to know others in our UU surfing community.
- Free Hula Lessons - Entertainment this year will be provided by the **Grandview Aloha Band**. Featuring **Ka’ala Carmack**, **Rosalie Alfonso**, and **William Klingelhoffer**, who will be playing live Hawaiian music for us.
- Prizes: There will be many opportunities to win a prize! Costume prizes: Most Authentic Hawaiian and Most Creative. Raffle prizes: A wonderful goodie basket and a very nice wine basket. Also, there is a Children's Raffle with prizes and hula hoop contests with mini-prizes. . .you get the drift! Bring cash or use iou's (provided by us) to enter raffles.
- This is your Exclusive invitation to the Auction After Party on October 15 - all of the Stars of the event will meet in the kitchen to boogie on down to Disco Hits while making our kitchen shine again!

Don't miss this a once-in-a-lifetime live auction and party - meet you at the Tiki Bar!

Cheryl Deaner, Gino Fortunato and Gregory Stevens, Co-Chairs. Questions? contact Cheryl at 415-282-2200 or email: cdd.mft@gmail.com



Calling All Artists! UUSF Members, Family and Friends Group Show!!!

A reminder for people to bring in three pieces of their art for the annual UUSF Family and Friends Group show Sunday (October 8th) from 9:00am-2:00pm. We are also looking for some people who would be willing to help hang the show. Ask Elaine Pratt or anyone at the art intake table what you can do to help hang the art in the King Rooms.

10 Years After Occupy. Forum with Tim Paulson - Sunday Forum October 8 in the TSK Room & Zoom 9:30 am

Ten years ago, one of the most uniquely organized economic justice campaigns exploded inside a little park in New York City. Before national pundits could typecast the phenomenon, Occupy Wall Street had spread like wildfire, city after city, across America. Mr. Paulson was asked to write a reflection of his and the San Francisco Labor Council's role steering resources and strategies with the myriad of partners and spontaneous leaders that emerged during this 2013 revolt. Zoom: <https://bit.ly/uuforum-10-08-23>
Info: www.uusf.org/forum . A light breakfast is available at 9 am.

BLESSING of the ANIMALS

Sunday, October 8 from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm, Chapel

Join us in this celebration with music, songs, and speakers! This service affirms respect for all life, reminding us that we are a part of the interdependent web of all existence. This ritual is in the tradition of Saint Francis of Assisi, namesake of our city and patron of animals and the environment. **Rev. John Buehrens** will give a homily, "The Great Animal Orchestra". Bring your animal companions (or a photograph of them) and participate in this recognition of all the creatures of this earth.



HAPPENINGS

United Nations Sunday - Solidarity with Ukraine!

The UN Committee is preparing to present an offering about Ukraine solidarity for October 22 in the TSK Room, both before service at 9:30am and after service at 12:30. Everyone is invited to attend.

New UU: A Welcome Home - Sunday, October 22, 12:30pm at UUSF

Join Revs. Vanessa Rush Southern and Laura Shennum for our New UU class! Held in person at UUSF, this interactive class will introduce you to Unitarian Universalism and our congregation. To register go to <https://www.uusf.org/membership>

Get Involved Fair - Sunday, October 29, 12:15 pm, Courtyard

Are you eager to get more involved in church activities, but are unsure what's available? Do you participate in some church committees and wish you had a bigger group? Are you just plain curious about all the goings-on of this wonderful community?

Global Conversations - U.S. Capitalism/Imperialism. Is there an alternative? with Bruce Neuburger

Join us for this in-person discussion on Sunday, October 29, at 12:30 pm in the MLK Room. Lunch will be available. The essence of the U.S. is not democracy but capitalism—imperialism. Political leaders in the U.S., media voices, and many others insist that the United States is the great defender of democracy and a force for good in the world. And further, the U.S. is defending democracy in the face of growing threats from rivals, such as Russia and China, which are autocratic and anti-democratic.

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, scan the QR code or stop by the table after the worship service in the Gallery. If everyone participates, we will have a valuable tool for remembering names and faces. It won't be complete without you!



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

Weekly Grief Group meets on Saturdays from 10am 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. Questions? Email 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. The question for next Saturday is, "What do I owe to the person I lost?"

HEBREW BIBLE: An Introduction for Skeptics, Seekers, and Progressives - Oct. 16

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>

“White Fragility” Discussion Group - 10/26 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 this session by reading the assigned chapters. Please RSVP to Vanessa if you want to be part of this discussion. Vanessa’s email is: VRSouthern@uusf.org.

Minister's Book Group - 10/25, 6:30-8pm Solito: A Memoir Paperback by Javier Zamora (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>

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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"Hello, Frank!" in honor of the feast of St Francis which is on Oct 4.
Sunday, October 1, 2023

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