



Order of Service Sunday October 22, 2023 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 Percussion Improvisation

Matt Meyer

Opening Words and Welcome

words by adrienne maree brown

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

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 Song of Alleluia

Matt Meyer

Brief Invitations

Diane Allen, Board of Trustees

Greeting One Another

Story for All Ages "Desmond Gets Free"

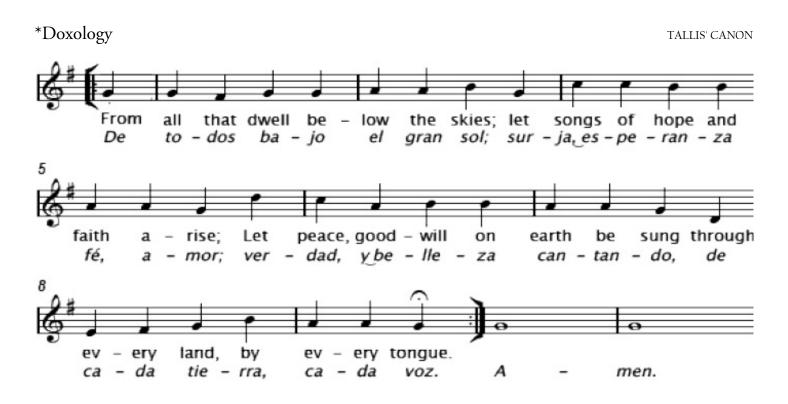
Matt Meyer

Singing Together Let the Life I Lead

Matt Meyer

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.



Reading What You Missed that Day You Were Absent

in Fourth Grade, by Brad Aaron Modin

Music Forget Your Perfect offering

Words by Leonard Cohen

Time of Prayer/Meditation

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

Offering

The offering will be taken to support the work of the International Committee of the Red Cross. The International Committee of the Red Cross is a neutral humanitarian organization that responds to people harmed by armed conflict and disasters in conflict zones. The Red Cross traces its roots to American Universalist Clara Barton, who voluntarily treated soldiers on the Civil War battlefields and raised money to support their relief and care after the war. See more about the Red Cross's international relief work at https://www.icrc.org/en. To make a donation on Vanco (bit.ly/uusfpayments), using the Donate Button on our website, or by scanning the QR code below, please select the "Offering" choice to make your gift. If you are sending a check, please mark in the memo today's date, 10-22-23. "Special Offering"





Music Oye Mi Gente

Peace Poets

Sermon "Lessons for Future Ancestors" Matt Meyer

*Hymn Where You Go, I will Go, Beloved Shoshana Jedwab

*Benediction Matt Meyer

Postlude Percussion Improvisation Matt Meyer



^{*}Please rise in body or spirit.



PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leaders

Matt Meyer, Guest Preacher Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister Diane Allen, Board of Trustees

Sunday Support

Shulee Ong, Eric Shackelford, Jackson Munn, Felix Borggraefe, Livestream Team
Jonathan Silk, Communications Director
Jose Matias Pineda, Sexton
Amy Kelly, Flowers
Linda Messner, Head Usher

Musicians

Mark Sumner, Music Director Elliott Etzkorn, Pianist

ABOUT



Matt Meyer is a lifelong Unitarian Universalist with a long background as a musician and worship leader for UU congregations. Matt lives in Boston but travels as an itinerant worship leader, bringing the good news of Unitarian Universalism to hundreds of congregations all over the country. He serves as the Director of Operations for Sanctuary Boston, a contemporary UU worship community with rockin' music and engaging worship that meets on Wednesday evenings online and in person. Matt's children's story "Desmond Gets Free" was published recently as a book by Skinner House Press. Last year, it won a Nautilus Award for social justice in children's fiction. To get a copy for a child, teacher, or any justice-maker in your life, you can pick up a copy at https://amzn.to/45ENmey or at church after worship.

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

TODAY

United Nations Sunday - Solidarity with Ukraine! - Sunday, Oct. 22, 9:30 am and 12:30 pm, TSK Room

9:30 am in the Thomas Starr King Room

Join us for a poetry reading and discussion featuring contemporary Ukrainian poets. Guided by Nataliia Goshylyk, Ph.D., Fulbright scholar now Lecturer in Ukrainian at UC Berkeley. Member of the Ukraine on Stage theater ensemble.

12:30 pm in the Thomas Starr King Room

"Culture vs. War" is a documentary film project that records and conveys the truth about the war between the Russian Federation and Ukraine. The heroes of the project are famous Ukrainian artists and cultural figures who have defended their country and culture by resisting the aggressor. The three "novellas" are interviews with these artists: 1) Antytila, a pop rock band founded in Kyiv whose members voluntarily joined the Ukrainian armed forces on February 22. 2) Akhtem Seitablaieu, actor, producer, and director of cultural space at Crimean House. On February 22, he voluntarily joined the Armed Forces of Ukraine. 3) Serhiy Zhadan, writer, poet, translator, and musician He has received many international awards and is published in nearly 30 languages. Since February 22, he has been organizing artistic events and providing voluntary assistance to the Armed Forces of Ukraine. The "Culture vs. War" project is presented by Volodymyr Goshylyk, Ph.D. President of "Ukraine Matters", a non-profit.

A light breakfast will be offered at 9:00 am.; bring something to share for the potluck at 12:15 pm. The talk concludes at 3:00 pm.

New UU: A Welcome Home - Sunday, October 22, 12:30pm in the Fireside Room

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

Lost and Found table

We'll have a Lost & Found table in the Courtyard today after worship. We've amassed a lot of stuff (mainly water bottles), and it's time to clean house. Items that are not claimed will be donated.

HAPPENINGS

Bystander Training, Sunday, November 19, 1:30 pm at UUSF

Similar to what to do in a fire or earthquake, what to do in upsetting moments where harm is being done also requires practice—words and strategies that you both know and are ready to put into action immediately. Daniel Jackoway has been trained in bystander intervention and led workshops, and he will do so again on Sunday, November 19th, at UUSF. This workshop will not be about how to intervene in physically violent moments, which require a different kind of training, but how to intervene in the much more common moments where "microaggressions" (often not "micro" at all) and other racial or identity-harm are being done—in conversations, in a meeting, in transactions around the world. Daniel can accommodate 20–30 people. Go to https://bit.ly/bystander1123 to sign up! Join Daniel and Vanessa on November 19 and be ready to intervene the way you imagine doing it—too often after the fact!



WEAV Winter Session

This class will offer skills and information for you to engage our 8th principle work or the work of countering anti-oppression/anti-racism. Our winter session of WEAV will be facilitated by Jayanti Chapot and Michael Bossier. To learn more about WEAV, watch this sermon https://bit.ly/3Fmo8qE by Rev. Laura Shennum. To learn more and register for the winter session, follow this https://bit.ly/3Q3MPgm.

Extravaganza of Joy! - Saturday, November 4, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm - Register https://bit.ly/uusfjoy1123

Brush off your instruments, batons, and comedy routines! The next Extravaganza of Joy is coming soon, and we will have a talent show! We will gather to share food we have each created and celebrate the many talents at UUSF. To register, please go to https://bit.ly/uusfjoy1123. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of Congregational Life, at lshennum@uusf.org.

HAPPENINGS

Climate Crisis & Militarism - Military Veterans & Allies Respond! Sunday, October 29, 9:30 am

Sunday Forum with Janet Weil, Steve Morse and Vincent Dijanich. The twin existential threats to life on Earth, the climate crisis and militarism, are regarded as too abstract and scary to deal with. How are they related, and what can we do about them? https://www.uusf.org/forum

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. 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.

Small Groups Have Formed!

You still have a chance to sign up for a small group. We have the following options available: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at UUSF, 7-8:30 pm. 1st and 3rd Wednesdays on Zoom, 7-8:30 pm. 2nd and 4th Fridays on Zoom, 12-1:30 pm. 1st and 3rd Sundays at UUSF, 2–3:30 pm. If you have any questions, contact Rev. Laura Shennum at lshennum@uusf.org. Sign up: https://bit.ly/uusfsgm1023

Members and Friends Art Show

The TSK Room and MLK Room now feature stunning new artworks created by UUSF members and friends. On Sunday, November 19 at 12:30 PM, there will be a reception where you can meet the artists.

Newcomer Orientation - Sunday, Nov. 5 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.

Council of Committee Chairs Meeting - Sunday, November 5 at 12:30pm in TSK Room/Zoom

On Sunday, November 5, we will be holding our next Council of Committee Chairs meeting after service. We'll set it up as a hybrid in-person and on Zoom. All Committee and group chairs are invited to attend. Look forward to agenda items including an update on budget, a Google Docs training, and more! Zoom: https://bit.ly/uuchairs1123

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.

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

"White Fragility" Discussion Group - 10/26 6:30 to 8pm (in person)

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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