



## **"Toward the Beloved Community of Unitarian Universalism"**

Sunday, November 12, 10:50 AM, 2023  
First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco



**Order of Service**  
**Sunday November 12, 2023**  
**10:50 AM - 12:15 PM**

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**Welcome to 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.

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Prelude	<i>Ubi Caritas - Where Compassion and Love Abound</i>	James Aylward
	<i>What Wondrous Love Is This</i>	Early American Melody/Dale Wood
		Reiko Oda Lane, organist

Opening Words and Welcome	Mari Magaloni Ramos, Worship Associate
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*Hymn 159	<i>This Is My Song</i>	FINLANDIA
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Responsive Reading 442	"We Bid You Welcome"	Rev. Kevin Alan Mann, MDiv., Guest Minister
	By Richard Gilbert	Mari Magaloni Ramos

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.

Greeting One Another

\*Hymn 121

*We'll Build a Land*

CREATION OF PEACE

CHORUS

Come build a land where **all our relations**,  
anointed by God, may then create peace.  
where justice shall roll down like waters,  
and peace like an ever flowing stream.

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Story for All Ages

Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of Congregational Life

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



The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words in Spanish. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff concludes the piece with a double bar line and a final note. The lyrics are as follows:

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.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Kevin Alan Mann



Music      *Concord*, from *Gloriana*

Benjamin Britten  
UUSF Choir, Mark Sumner, director

Reading      "A Network of Mutuality"  
by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Rev. Kevin Alan Mann, MDiv., Guest Minister  
Mari Magaloni Ramos

## Offering

The offering today will be taken to support the work and ministries of **SPART\*A**. SPART\*A is a group of transgender people who currently serve or have served in the military. SPART\*A is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization not affiliated with the Department of Defense. Membership is open to transgender (to include non-binary and gender-nonconforming) individuals currently serving in the United States Armed Forces. For more info go to <https://spartapride.org/>. They also offer smaller groups for families of transgender service members, veterans, and allies. To make a donation on Vanco ([bit.ly/uusfpayments](http://bit.ly/uusfpayments)), using the Donate Button on our website, or by scanning the QR code below, please select the line for either Sunday Plate Offering or Special Sunday Offerings. The designation is important, such that your gift gets applied correctly. If you are sending a check, please mark in the memo today's date, 11-12-23, "Sunday Plate"



Offertory      *Connected*

Brian Tate  
UUSF Choir, Mark Sumner, director

Sermon      "Toward the Beloved Community of Unitarian Universalism"

Rev. Kevin Alan Mann

\*Hymn 1017

*Building a New Way*

Martha Sandefer  
Mark Sumner, pianist; Jon Silk, drummer

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\*Benediction

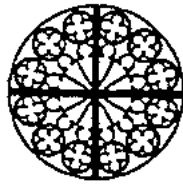
Rev. Kevin Alan Mann

Postlude      *Rejoicing - Bourree - Minuet Finale*

George Frideric Handel  
Reiko Oda Lane, organist

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\*Please rise in body or spirit.



## PARTICIPANTS

### **Worship Leaders**

Rev. Kevin Alan Mann, MDiv., Guest Minister  
Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of Congregational Life  
Mari Magaloni Ramos, Worship Associate  
Linda Enger, Board of Trustees

### **Sunday Support**

Shulee Ong; Felix Borggraefe, Livestream Team  
Jonathan Silk, Communications Director  
Jose Matias Pineda; Thomas Brown, Sextons  
Judy Payne, Flowers  
Linda Messner, Head Usher

### **Musicians**

UUSF Choir  
Reiko Oda Lane, Organist  
Mark Sumner, Music Director

## ABOUT

**Rev. Kevin Alan Mann | MDIV., MASC. (he/him/siyá)** currently serves as a Chaplain with Sequoia Hospice. He completed his Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Social Change from Starr King School for the Ministry in 2016. In 2018, Kevin completed his Chaplaincy Residency at California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco. Kevin also worked with the Shanti Project serving the emotional and practical needs of long-term survivors of the HIV/AIDS pandemic and served as the Community Advocacy Intern with the Faithful Fools Street Ministry. Kevin was ordained by the First Unitarian Church of Oakland on October 1, 2023 and serves as the Assistant Professor of Multicultural Chaplaincy and Community Ministries at Starr King School for the Ministry. Kevin is also on the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization's Diversity Advisory Council.

**SPART\*A is the recipient of today's special offertory, and it has three objectives:**

**Support:** Provide unparalleled peer support and mentoring to bolster personal resilience, excellence in service, mission readiness, and retention among transgender service members.

**Education:** Proactively educate commanders, legislators, fellow service members, and the public about transgender service concerns, best practices, and the benefits of a diverse and representative military.

**Advocacy:** Champion the rights of transgender service members to serve openly, authentically, and in alignment with their affirming gender.

For more info go to <https://spartapride.org/>.

## This Is My Song

$\text{♩} = 76$

1. This is my song, O God of all the na-tions,  
2. My coun-try's skies are blu-er than the o-cean,  
a song of peace for lands a-far and mine.  
and sun-light beams on clo-ver-leaf and pine;  
This is my home, the coun-try where my heart is;  
but oth-er lands have sun-light too, and clo-ver,  
here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho-ly shrine;  
and skies are ev-ery-where as blue as mine.  
but oth-er hearts in oth-er lands are beat-ing  
O hear my song, thou God of all the na-tions,

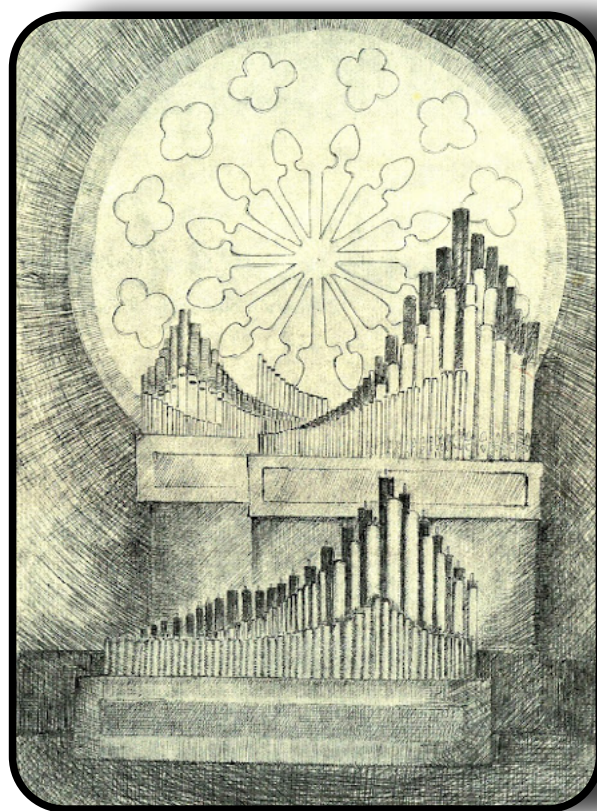
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Music: Jean Sibelius, 1865-1957, arr. © 1933, renewed 1961 Presbyterian  
Board of Christian Education

FINLANDIA  
11.10.11.10.11.10.

P E A C E

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.



$\text{♩} = 120$

1. We'll build a land where we bind up the bro - ken.  
 2. We'll build a land where we bring the good tid - ings to  
 3. We'll be a land build - ing up an - cient cit - ies,  
 4. Come, build a land where the man - tles of prais - es re -

We'll build a land where the cap - tives go free, where the  
 all the af - flict - ed and all those who mourn. And we'll  
 rais - ing up dev - as - ta - tions from old; re -  
 sound from spir - its once faint and once weak; where like

oil of glad - ness dis - solves all mourn - ing. Oh,  
 give them gar - lands in - stead of ash - es. Oh,  
 stor - ing ru - ins of gen - er - a - tions. Oh,  
 oaks of right - eous - ness stand her peo - ple. Oh,

Words: Barbara Zanotti (Isaiah/Amos), adapt.,

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CREATION OF PEACE  
 11.10.11.10. with refrain

COMMITMENT AND ACTION



we'll build a prom - ised land that can be.  
 we'll build a land where peace is born.  
 we'll build a land of peo - ple, so bold.  
 come build the land, my peo - ple we seek.

Come build a land where sis - ters and broth - ers, a - noint - ed by

God, may then cre - ate peace: where jus - tice shall roll

down like wa - ters, and peace like an ev - er flow - ing stream.

COMMITMENT AND ACTION

1017

## Building a New Way

*Swing 128*  
 Rock feel, swing eighths ♩ = 116

**Cm7**

1. We are build - ing  
 (2. We are work) - ing

**G7**

— a new way. — We are build -  
 — to be free. — We are work -

**G7sus**

ing — a new way. —  
 ing — to be free. —

Words & music: Martha Sandefer, 1952 - , © 1986 Martha Sandefer,  
 ⊕ arr. Jim Scott, 1946 -

# Building a New Way - 2

Cm7

We are build - ing a new way, ——— feel- ing strong-  
 We are work - ing to be free ——— hate and greed

Fm7 Cm7

er ev' - ry day, ——— We are build - ing —  
 — and jeal - ous-y. ——— We are work - ing —

G7 Cm7

———— a new way. ———  
 ——— to be free. ———

1, 2, 3 G7(#9) 4 Cm9

3. We can feed our every need (3X)  
 Start with love, that is the seed.  
 We can feed our every need.

4. Peace and freedom is our cry (3X)  
 Without these this world will die.  
 Peace and freedom is our cry.

## TODAY

### **Homelessness up Close and Personal - Sunday Forum, November 12 at 9:30 am**

Sunday Forum with Dr. Robert Okin. Dr. Okin will talk about what inspired him to write the book *Silent Voices: People with Mental Disorders on the Street*, his experiences on the street, what he learned from homeless mentally ill people about their lives, and what they were like as human beings up close and personal. He'll also discuss the causes of homelessness, including the role of governments at all levels in creating and perpetuating this humanitarian crisis, what has made it so persistent and what we as ordinary citizens can do to intervene.

**Zoom:** <https://bit.ly/uuforum-11-12-23>. You can phone in at +1 669 900 6833. Meeting ID: 941 8050 0771, Passcode: 557795.

A light breakfast will be offered at 9am and the program will begin at 9:30am.

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### **Prayer Walk with Open Door Legal - Sunday, November 12, 12:30 pm - All are welcome!**

You are invited to join us for a Prayer Walk with Open Door Legal. Open Door Legal is an SF-based legal aid nonprofit committed to changing the way people can access the legal system. Our mission is to dramatically reduce poverty - starting in SF's low-income communities of color - by providing free access to the law for the people who need it most!

We will start with a light lunch and presentation in the TSK room at 12:30 pm. Then, we will head out for the prayer walk. This Prayer Walk will wind through the Fillmore/Western Addition neighborhood, an area where justice has historically been denied to Black neighbors who were subjected to redlining across the city in the 1940s and 50s. On this engaging tour, we'll talk about that history of injustice, provide small group opportunities to reflect on what justice might look like now, and share about ways that you can join in that work of justice today. The walk will be led by ODL Executive Director & Co-Founder Adrian Tirtanadi and will take around 90 minutes.

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### **Global Conversations - India's Narendra Modi – Democrat or Autocrat? - Nov. 12, 12:30 pm**

Chandru Murthi, speaker, will lead this in person only, lunch and conversation. Narendra Modi has been Prime Minister of India for the last 9-½ years. How has Indian democracy fared? It's a mixed bag, as he has achieved some good goals, improved the economy, addressed climate-change issues, and enhanced India's world status. But he has also enabled draconian limits on press freedom, individual rights, and Kashmiri autonomy. The intention of this presentation is to open discussion on issues critical to our world today and provide a space where controversial views can be discussed in an atmosphere of potentially sharp, but respectful, debate.

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### **UUSF Animal Ministry - Nov. 12, 12:30 pm, Gallery**

Today after church the UU Animal Ministry will be tabling in the Gallery regarding one of our UUAM members, **Wayne Hsiung**, who was found guilty of rescuing sick chickens at a Sonoma County factory farm. Please come by and write a letter to Wayne, and find out how we can support him during the coming weeks. A representative of **Direct Action Everywhere** will be available to answer questions.

## HAPPENINGS

### **Food Drive!**

The Women's Rights Group and Up On Top are working together to provide the Up On Top families with additional food support during the Thanksgiving holiday. We will have containers at the UUSF Gallery to hold the donated food. The food will be provided to the households on November 16th and 17th.

San Francisco Unified Public Schools are giving their students the entire week of Thanksgiving off for the holiday. On regular school days, children participating in the Up On Top program get breakfast, lunch, and after-school snacks from the schools or from the Up On Top program. With the schools closed for a week, their families will need additional help providing food for their children. The goal is to have at least one grocery bag of food for each of the 60 families in the Up On Top program. We are looking to provide the families with enough food for one good Thanksgiving meal, along with as much support for other meals as possible. Up On Top has managed to obtain turkey breasts for the families.

The Women's Rights Group is asking the congregation to help provide the support items for this meal and for breakfasts and lunches during the week. Food should be stable at room temperature, but it only needs to have a 2-3-week shelf life. With the exception of fruit such as apples and oranges, the food should be in sealed containers.

Suggested donation items include: Fruits such as apples and/or oranges have a longer shelf life. Canned fruit and vegetables. Cranberry sauce. Cans of gravy. Boxes of instant potatoes. Hot chocolate packages. Boxes of cereal. Cans of soup. Boxes of macaroni and cheese. Canned tuna. Monetary gifts for grocery gift cards are also welcome.



# HAPPENINGS

## Sign Up to Volunteer for the Interfaith Food Pantry - Saturday, November 18

Join fellow UUSF members and other community volunteers to help distribute groceries to 325+ households. This is a great opportunity for individuals and families to pitch in and help feed our community. Food prices are high and we are needed now as much as ever! We lead the crew Saturday, November 18, and would love to have you join. Volunteer shifts start at 8:15 (or 7:30 if you can help unload the truck). Sign-up and more info can be found on our website ([www.uusf.org/foodpantry](http://www.uusf.org/foodpantry)) or go to [bit.ly/foodpantryuusf](http://bit.ly/foodpantryuusf). If you have any questions, please contact **Hanna Hart** [hanna@harts.net](mailto:hanna@harts.net) or Ben Bear at [welcome.corporate.overlords@gmail.com](mailto:welcome.corporate.overlords@gmail.com)

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## 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.

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## 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!

## UUSF Holiday Fair - Sunday, December 3, 12:30 pm

From Cheryl Deaner and Kathleen Quenneville, co-chairs of the Holiday Fair.

There you will find a fabulous chili luncheon with all the fixings. After lunch, step up to the Ye Olde Victorian Tea Room for dessert. Meanwhile, check out the Holiday Pub for libations.

The fair is also the perfect opportunity to find holiday gifts! Shop at the grand re-opening of our TSK Room Book Wagon with most books. \$5 or less, please bring cash and small bills, stroll through our amazing vendors, support UUSC and Up On Top, and find bargains at the Jumble Sale. And this isn't all...

New to the Fair this year will be a performance by our Bell Choir! Other activities include a poker raffle with great prizes and a wine pull. You can make an ornament at the craft table. Enter our Ugly Holiday Sweater contest. Chat with old friends and make new ones. To find out more, visit our table in the gallery or come to our Sunday, November 12, Holiday Fair Committee meeting in the Kincaid room at 12:30 pm.

The Holiday Fair is a fundraiser for UUSF as well as fun for all ages. Lunch will be \$15 for adults and \$5 for children through age 13 (children under 5 are free). No one will be turned away for lack of funds. Remember to bring cash and checks to the fair. Although you can purchase tickets with a credit card for food and drink, our vendors may not take credit cards.

To become a vendor, let us know by November 20 for the best location, although we will be taking applications until November 26.

To contribute to our Jumble Sale, please leave new or gently used salable items at the Holiday Fair table in the gallery on Sundays or at the church office during the week.

To volunteer, or if you have any other questions, please contact: [holidayfair@uusf.org](mailto:holidayfair@uusf.org).

## Adult Spiritual Growth Classes ([www.uusf.org/are](http://www.uusf.org/are))

### Minister's Book Group - 11/15, 6:30-8pm Gender Queer: A Memoir by Maia Kobabe (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.

## UUSF MEDIA

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**"The Enfleshed Life: What Life  
and Love of a Body Entails"**  
Sunday, November 5, 2023

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