

"In Transition"

Sunday, November 19, 10:50 AM, 2023

First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco





Order of Service
Sunday November 19, 2023
10:50 AM - 12:15 PM

Livestreamed at bit.ly/uusfmedia

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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.

Prelude	<i>Deep River</i>	arr. Norman Luboff
	<i>Ain't Got Time to Die</i>	arr. Hal Johnson
	<i>That Music Always Round Me</i>	Carlyle Sharpe
		UUSF/India Tour Choir, Mark Sumner, director

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.

Brief Invitations	Lucy Smith, Board of Trustees
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*Hymn 21	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>
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Members

We will! We not only welcome you, but also promise to nurture you and support your journey, providing our friendship, inviting your questions and stepping into what life together and the world will ask of us. With eagerness and expectation, we look forward to journeying alongside you and building our beloved community together. Welcome home!

New Members

Eagerly and with enthusiasm we bring to this place our gifts and talents, life experience and wisdom, questions and challenges. We look forward to being co-creators of this beloved community and serving its mission with joy.

Greeting One Another

Bell Anthem

Finlandia

Jean Sibelius arr. Merrett

UUSF Bell Choir, Reiko Oda Lane, conductor

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.

Music *Ubi caritas*

Ola Gjeillo
UUSF/India Tour Choir, Mark Sumner, director

Reflection

Santana McBride, Worship Associate

Offering

The offering today will be taken to support the work and ministries of TRUUsT (**Transgender Religious professional UUs Together**). To support Unitarian Universalist trans+ religious professionals, advocate for each other and our ministries, and transform Unitarian Universalism and our world. TRUUsT was founded by Mr. Barb Greve and Rev. Sean Parker Dennison in 2004, after several years of conversation, to support and advocate for trans UU religious educators and ministers, with the hope of one day expanding into an organization for all trans Unitarian Universalists. More info at <https://transuu.org>. 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 line for either Sunday Plate Offering or Special Sunday Offerings. The designation is important to ensure your gift gets applied correctly. If you are sending a check, please mark in the memo today's date, 11-19-23, "Sunday Plate"



Offertory *The Road Home*

Stephen Paulus
UUSF/India Tour Choir, Mark Sumner, director

Sermon "In Transition"

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

*Hymn 1051

We Are...

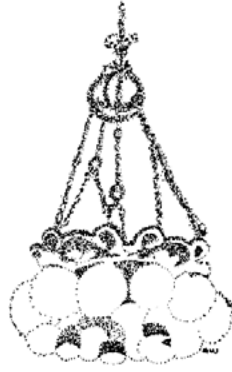
Ysaye M. Barnwell

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*Benediction

Postlude *Now Thank We All Our God*

J S Bach / V Fox
Reiko Oda Lane, organist



PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leaders

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister
Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of Congregational Life
Santana McBride, Worship Associate
Lucy Smith, Board of Trustees

Sunday Support

Shulee Ong, Eric Shackelford, Jackson Munn, Felix Borggraefe, Livestream Team
Asani Seawell, Chat Moderator
Jonathan Silk, Communications Director
Jose Matias Pineda, Thomas Brown, Sextons
Carrie Steere-Salazar, Flowers
Linda Messner, Head Usher

Musicians

UUSF/India Tour Choir
UUSF Bell Choir
Reiko Oda Lane, Organist & Bell Choir Conductor
Mark Sumner, Music Director
Wm. García Ganz, Pianist


INFORMATION

Name Tags


If you've been coming to church on Sundays for a while and would like a personal name tag, there's a clipboard beneath the bulletin board in the gallery where you can write your name and acquire a name tag.

21 For the Beauty of the Earth

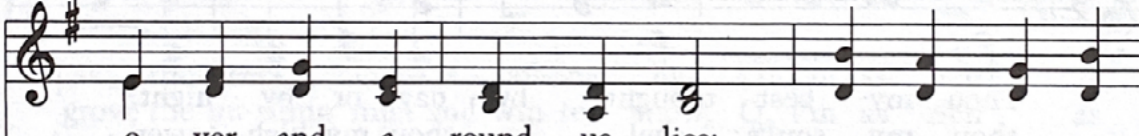
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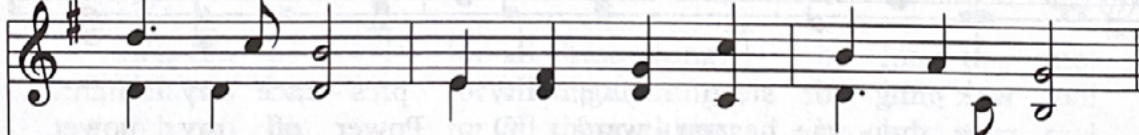
1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the splen - dor
 2. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and
 3. For the won - der of each hour of the day and
 4. For the joy of hu - man care, sis - ter, broth - er,



of the skies, for the love which from our birth
 mind's de - light, for the mys - tic har - mo - ny
 of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower,
 par - ent, child, for the kin - ship we all share,



o - ver and a - round us lies:
 link - ing sense to sound and sight: Source of all, to
 sun and moon and stars of light:
 for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:



thee we raise this, our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Words: Folliott Sandford Pierpoint, 1835-1917, adapt.
 Music: Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872, abridged

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1051

We Are. . .

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* Em

For each child that's born, a morn-ing star ri-ses and

sings to the u-ni-verse who— we are. For who— we are.

We are— our grand-moth-ers' prayers and we— are our

1 Em/B B7 Em 2

*Note: Repeat this 4 measure chord pattern throughout the piece.

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grand - fa - thers' dream - ings, we _____ are the

breath of our an - ces - tors, we _____ are the spir - it of God. We are

moth - ers of cour - age and fa - thers of time, we are

daugh - ters of dust and the sons of great vi - sions, we're

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a vocal melody line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part features a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the right hand and a more active bass line in the left hand. The lyrics are distributed across five systems, with the vocal line providing the primary melody and the piano accompaniment providing harmonic support.

sis-ters of mer-cy and broth-ers of love, we are

lov-ers of life and the build-ers of na-tions, we're seek-ers of truth and

keep-ers of faith, we are mak-ers of peace and the wis-dom of a - ges.

We are — our grand-moth-ers' prayers and we — are our

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breath of our an - ces - tors, we are the spir - it of God. For

each child that's born, a morn - ing star ri - ses and

sings to the u - ni - verse who we are. For who we are.

1, 2, 3 4

TODAY

Israel, Palestine & U.S. Imperialism - Sunday Forum, November 19 at 9:30 am, TSK Room/Zoom

Sunday Forum with **Richard Becker**. The world is in shock and anguish over the latest conflict in the Middle East, which has cost more than 10,000 Palestinian and Israeli lives, including 4000 children! Many of us know some background about the history of this region, but there are questions that need clarification: What are the root causes of this conflict? Is there any hope for an end to it? Can there be justice for all the people involved?

Richard Becker, the Western Regional Coordinator of the Answer—Act Now to Stop War and End Racism—Coalition, will speak to these questions. Richard has researched and traveled to Palestine and the Middle East for the past 50 years. He is the author of Palestine, Israel, and the U.S. Empire. A new edition is due for release by December 1st. Mr. Becker is a frequent contributor to Liberation News, the website of the Party for Socialism and Liberation. He has been an anti-war activist since the 1960s and a frequent speaker at our UUSF Forum.

Zoom: <https://bit.ly/uuforum-11-19-23>. You can phone in at +1 669 900 6833. Meeting ID: 925 6460 7793, Passcode: 2823.

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

Members and Friends Art Show and Reception

Both the TSK Room and the MLK Room are home to some fantastic new pieces of art that UUSF members and friends have exclusively displayed just for you. You will have the opportunity to converse with the artists at a reception that will take place today at 12:30 pm.

Bystander Training, Sunday, November 19, 1:30 pm, Chapel

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 today at 12:30 pm in the Chapel. 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!

HAPPENINGS

Only two weeks until the Holiday Fair! - Sunday, December 3 at 12:30 pm

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

On December 3rd, we will host our annual Holiday Fair. This long-standing tradition is both a celebration of joy and a fund-raiser for UUSF. We hope you will come! It is the perfect time to make new acquaintances while re-connecting with old friends.

This year's fair features many classic holiday fair offerings, like a fabulous chili dinner with cornbread and salad, a Victorian tea room, vendors, and a jumble sale. We will also have singalongs with both our choir and our bell choir, a pub featuring agua fresca, wine, holiday beer and sodas, ornament making, arts and crafts, a raffle with great prizes, an ugly sweater contest, a wine pull, and more.

So, come to the Holiday Fair ready to enjoy a fun afternoon and immerse yourself in the holiday spirit. Remember to bring cash or checks, as credit cards will be taken for food and drink but not for some of our vendors.

If you would like to find out more, see us at our table in the gallery after service. Or email us at HolidayFair@UUSF.org.



HAPPENINGS

The Women's Rights Group Updates - <https://www.uusf.org/womensgroup>

The next meeting of the The Women's Rights Group is scheduled for 10:00 am on Saturday, December 2 in the Fahs Room.

Thank you all for your assistance in our food drive for Up On Top. We collected approximately 45 bags of groceries and, in addition, one gift card for \$150 and \$660 in cash! Your generosity is gratefully received and will be very helpful to the Up On Top families.

Black, Indigenous, & People of Color Gathering - Dec. 3 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.

Newcomer Orientation - Sunday, December 10 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.

UU's for Justice In the Middle East Event - Saturday, December 9 from Noon to 3:00 pm, TSK Room

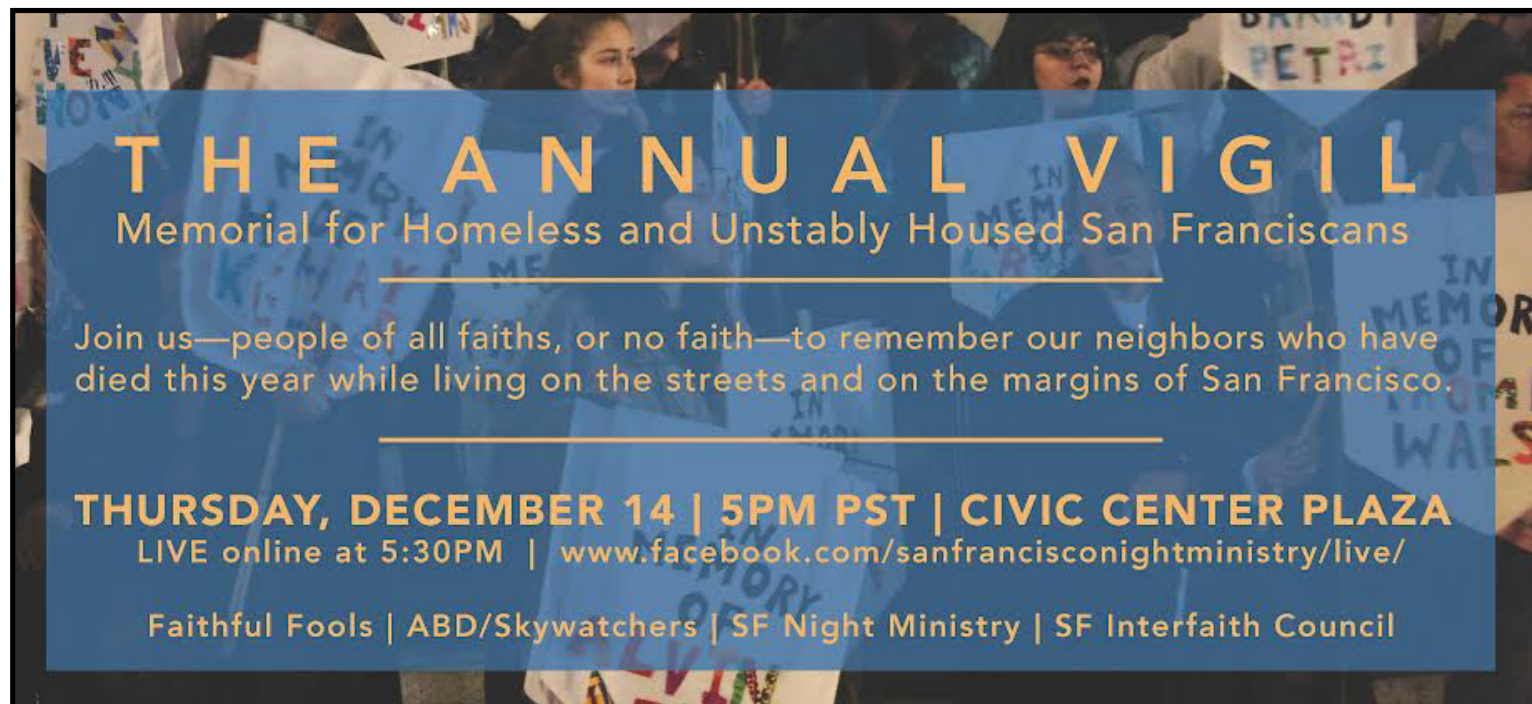
UU's for Justice in the Middle East—Bay Area chapter invites you to discuss Gaza after watching the film "Gaza Fights for Freedom" by Abby Martin about the non-violent protests there in 2018. We will serve lunch before the film. This debut feature film by journalist Abby Martin began while reporting in Palestine, where she was denied entry into Gaza by the Israeli government on the accusation she was a "propagandist." So Abby connected with a team of journalists in Gaza to produce the film through the blockaded border. It is a documentary about the historic Great March Of Return protests, which occurred every week from March 2018 until December 2019, but covers so much more.

Questions? Email humanrights@uusf.org

Last Call for Photos!

We want to include everyone in our new photo directory. Your last chance for a photo is Wednesday, December 6.

Please sign up at <https://bit.ly/photouusf2023> here or see **Linda Enger** after the service this Sunday or December 3. After your photo is taken, you will have the opportunity to purchase photos for your own use, but you are not obligated to make a purchase. You will receive a free 8x10 and a copy of the photo directory. For questions, contact Linda at lenger@uusf.org.



THE ANNUAL VIGIL
Memorial for Homeless and Unstably Housed San Franciscans

Join us—people of all faiths, or no faith—to remember our neighbors who have died this year while living on the streets and on the margins of San Francisco.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14 | 5PM PST | CIVIC CENTER PLAZA
LIVE online at 5:30PM | www.facebook.com/sanfranciscofaithministry/live/

Faithful Fools | ABD/Skywatchers | SF Night Ministry | SF Interfaith Council

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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"Toward the Beloved Community
of Unitarian Universalism"
Sunday, November 12, 2023

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