

"SACReD Stories, SACReD Decisions and Mary, Mother of God"

Sunday, December 10, 10:50 AM, 2023

First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco



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

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Welcome to Worship!

UUSF no longer requires 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 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*
 Of the Father's Love Begotten
 O Come, Little Children

Veni, Emmanuel/Camil Van Hulse
Divinum Mysterium/Wilbur Held
German Carol/Dian Bish
Reiko Oda Lane, organist

Opening Words and Welcome

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister

Brief Invitations

Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of Congregational Life

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.

Music *Pure Imagination*

Anthony Newley & Leslie Bricusse
Shannon Warto, soloist

The Dedications of Tess Dawn Warto and Revel Marie Pallone

Rev. Southern and Rev. Shennum

Unison Covenant

Sam King, 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.



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

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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.

Greeting One Another

Presentation of the Plaque & SACReD Litany

Rev. Angela Tyler-Williams

One: We are SACReD congregations, who gather to lift up the most vulnerable among us.

One: SACReD congregations stand with Black Lives Matter and all immigrant communities. We affirm the lives of the LGBTQIA community. We recognize and affirm the value of every person, regardless of race, gender identity, nationality or socioeconomic status, or disability status.

All: We denounce the powers that be that create divisions in which some lack access to what others take for granted.

One: SACReD congregations seek to create a more just and inclusive world in which all can flourish and thrive. Our faiths teach us that we care for all, and that care includes support for people in need of reproductive care.

All: We acknowledge all people—in the U.S. and abroad—who do not have full access to reproductive healthcare services.

One: SACReD congregations call for a religious and moral commitment to reproductive health and justice. We commit to teaching about reproductive freedom, displaying our commitment to reproductive dignity, and creating safer spaces for people seeking reproductive care.

All: When people are denied comprehensive abortion care, they may forego food or shelter or pursue unsafe abortions that put their lives at risk.

One: SACReD Congregations will not be silent about reproductive dignity. We will use the word abortion, we will talk about it in our various worship services, and people in need of reproductive care will have a safer space to seek counsel.

All: We know that protecting the rights of all requires our voice and our commitment.

One: SACReD Congregations make space for the disadvantaged to have a voice, and pledge to work until all people have the reproductive healthcare they need and deserve.

TOGETHER: We are SACReD congregations.

Reflection

Sam King

Music *Bogoroditze Devo*

Sergei Rachmaninoff
UUSF Choir, Mark Sumner, director

Reading Luke 1:26-56

Rev. Angela Tyler-Williams

Offering

The Offering today will offset the costs of bringing **Rev. Tyler-Williams** to San Francisco to be with us today and the remainder will be donated to **The Spiritual Alliance of Communities for Reproductive Dignity (SACReD)** to support its work around the country. First UU Society of San Francisco was the second congregation to formally sign on to being a SACReD congregation. Please join us after service for the presentation of a plaque recognizing that affiliation, the unveiling of a banner and to join Rev. Tyler-Williams for a time of question and answer and discussion about how the work is preceding around the country and where the work calls us, at UUSF, now. More about SACReD can be found at <https://www.sacreddignity.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, 12-10-23, "Sunday Plate"



Offertory *O Thou the Central Orb*

Charles Wood
UUSF Choir, Mark Sumner, director; Reiko Oda Lane, organist

Sermon "SACReD Stories, SACReD Decisions
and Mary, Mother of God"

Rev. Angela Tyler-Williams

*Hymn 1014

Answering the Call to Love

Jason Shelton

The promise of the Spirit:
Faith, hope and love abide.
And so every soul is blessed and made whole;
The truth in our hearts is our guide.

Chorus

*We are answering the call of love,
Hands joined together as hearts beat as one.
Emboldened by faith
we dare to proclaim
We are answering the call of love.*

Sometimes we build a barrier
to keep love tightly bound.
Corrupted by fear,
unwilling to hear,
Denying the beauty we've found.

Chorus

A bright new day is dawning
when love will not divide.
Reflections of grace
in every embrace,
Fulfilling the vision divine.

Chorus

*Benediction

Rev. Angela Tyler-Williams

Postlude *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

Mark Thewes
Reiko Oda Lane, organist

*Please rise in body or spirit.

PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leaders

Rev. Angela Tyler-Williams, Guest Preacher
Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister
Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of Congregational Life
Sam King, Worship Associate

Sunday Support

Shulee Ong, Camera; Eric Shackelford, Camera
Jonathan Silk, Communications Director
Jose Matias Pineda, Thomas Brown, Sextons
Athena Papadakos, Flowers
Linda Messner, Head Usher

Musicians

Reiko Oda Lane, organist
UUSF Choir
Mark Sumner, Music Director
Shannon Warto, Soloist

ABOUT

Rev. Angela Tyler-Williams (She/Her) is Co-Director for Movement Building at **SACReD (Spiritual Alliance of Communities for Reproductive Dignity)**. SACReD is an alliance of religious leaders, congregations, movement organizations, activists, and academics collaborating to advance reproductive justice through congregational designation, culture change, community building, and direct service. Angela is a queer pastor ordained by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) into her call to engage people of faith to speak publicly and politically in support of reproductive health, rights, and justice and LGBTQIA+ equality. She holds a Master of Divinity from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. The Center for American Progress named Angela as one of the 22 Faith Leaders to Watch in 2022. She learned about faith-based community organizing and building people power to create positive social change from the Industrial Areas Foundation. Angela's roots are in the South, particularly in the resistance movements in red states, and she carries those struggles into her life now based in Washington, DC. She finds life in experiencing music, listening to podcasts, exploring creation, and engaging in theological discussions that go off the beaten path.

Meet Reverend Angela Tyler-Williams for a complimentary lunch in the Thomas Starr King Room immediately following the service. Rev. Angela Tyler-Williams discusses the work of SACReD.

TODAY!

The Women's Rights Group Luncheon - Sunday, December 10, 12:30 pm, TSK Room

Following the service, there will be a complimentary lunch in the Thomas Starr King Room where you can meet Rev. Angela Tyler-Williams and learn more about SACReD's activities.

Young Adult Lunch with Emanuel! - Sunday, December 10, 12:30 pm, TSK Room

Come meet Emanuel and get to know him during a lunch on Sunday, December 10, in the TSK Room. He wants to hear your ideas and hopes for the Young Adult group. He wants to find partners to work with in coordinating the group and just getting to know you.

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.

Guest at Your Table Program

Every year from Thanksgiving through New Year's, thousands of Unitarian Universalists of all ages place Guest at Your Table boxes (or other special containers) on their dining tables or other family gathering places and "feed" these containers daily with contributions for the work of our denomination's "faith in action" organization, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. We learn about some of the grassroots partners the UUSC works with—the unseen "guests" at our tables—and the work they do to promote justice and create transformational solutions to the problems their communities and our world are facing. The ritual of making contributions to a Guest at Your Table box offers us an opportunity to set aside time daily to reflect on our UU commitment to social justice and human rights work and the meaning of the choices we make on a daily basis about our material resources. Boxes and information about the program will be available at the UUSC table after the service every Sunday through 12/16 and in the church office after that. More Info: Linda Harris at linda.p.harris@gmail.org

Welcome Home Wayne - Sunday, December 10 5:00 to 6:30 pm at Dynamico Space

SimpleHeart would like to invite UUSFers to his welcome home dinner at Dynamico Space which is located at 447 Sutter St. 3rd Floor, San Francisco. Animal rescuer Wayne Hsiung will be released from jail this week and is joining Sunday's meeting! Joining him will be Rocky Chau and Conrad de Jesus, the latest felony rescue arrestees in Sonoma County, as well as investigator Kecia Doolittle whose breaking Thanksgiving expose revealed the grotesque industry ties behind the White House's turkey pardon. Rocky and Conrad each face decades of felony charges for investigating factory farms in Sonoma County. This celebration will gear up activists and supporters for the battlefront emerging for animal rights in Sonoma County and teach you how you can be part of this groundbreaking movement for change.

HAPPENINGS



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/sanfrancisconightministry/live/

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

HAPPENINGS

Fall Church Directory is Available!

On Sunday, stop by the church office to pick up a paper copy of the 2023 fall directory.

The Pagan Interest Circle (PICT) Celebrates Both MOON and SUN Rituals This December.

WINTER SOLSTICE RITUAL Saturday, December 16 at 7:00 pm in the Chapel. The Pagan Interest Circle (PICT) hosts a Yule Ritual and Holiday potluck party! Please join us in ritual, celebration, and (pagan) song! We'll gather together in the Chapel during the longest winter's night. FULL MOON RITUAL Saturday December 30, 7:00 pm in the Chapel. The Wheel of the Year has turned again. In San Francisco, the Full Moon falls on December 27th, during the Winter Yuletide. PICT invites you to join our monthly Moon ritual on the Saturday evening closest to the Full Moon. Questions? Contact Christine Patch-Lindsay at a New Email Address: cpatchlindsay@gmail.com

UPCOMING SERVICES

"Hanging of the Greens" - Sunday, December 17, 10:50 am,

We will gather as a full community to build connection through the ritual of creating the greens for our sanctuary. In honor of the sacredness of each person born, we will create stars that highlight each of us that are present. Join us for a lovely tradition of joy and merriment.

"What's Up With That: Interactive Christmas Pageant" - Sunday, December 24, 10:50 am

We will gather as a full community to build connection through the ritual of creating the greens for our sanctuary. In honor of the sacredness of each person born, we will create stars that highlight each of us that are present. Join us for a lovely tradition of joy and merriment.

"Christmas Eve Night"- Sunday, December 24, 4:45 pm

Come let us join in community to celebrate the Christmas story in song, stories, and candles.

"Let Go of the Old & Ring in the New: Fire Communion"- Sunday, December 31, 10:50 am

We will gather to reflect on our past year, then set intentions for the upcoming year. This will be ritualized through a Fire Communion.

Christmas Eve 2023 Poinsettia Dedications

Deadline: Tuesday, December 19

Please consider honoring a loved one by dedicating a poinsettia to our holiday display. Suggested donation of \$40, which will support flowers in the sanctuary all year. Dedications will appear in the order of service on Christmas Eve.

You may pay by check, and if there is a dedication, name it on the memo line. Alternatively, you may pay via the uusf.org payment donate button or go to (bit.ly/uusfpayments), but select the Sunday Flowers/Poinsettias line. You input the dedication online, but it is suggested that you also email it to jsilk@uusf.org by Tuesday, December 19.



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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