



"When Legacy Propels Boldness"

Sunday, April 28, 2024
First UU Society of San Francisco





Order of Service
Sunday April 28, 2024
10:50 AM - 12:15 PM

Livestreamed at bit.ly/uusfmedia

New to UUSF? Complete Our Connections form at <https://bit.ly/uuconnections2024>

A Guide for Newcomers! - What to Expect During Worship (read at <https://bit.ly/newcomersguide-uusf>)

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, strongly recommend 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>Contemplation on Tallis' Canon</i> Partita on an Early American Hymn on <i>How Firm A Foundation</i> Cantabile - Fugue - Psalm - Chorale	Richard Purvis
Opening Words and Welcome	Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister	Reiko Oda Lane, organist
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.

[\(CLICK HERE OR TURN TO PAGES 6 & 7 TO VIEW HYMN\)](#)

Brief Invitations

Linda Enger, Trustee

Greeting One Another

Story for All Ages "What's the Story We Tell? Why?"

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

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.

Allyne Circle Presentation

Sarah Ellerman & Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

Music *The Road Goes Ever On and On*

Gwyneth Walker
UUSF Choir, Mark Sumner, director

Offering

Today's donation will go towards **Médecins Sans Frontières**, also known as **Doctors Without Borders**, a French NGO that provides humanitarian medical care in conflict zones and countries affected by endemic diseases. The organization has over 35,000 personnel and is active in 70 countries in 2019. It urges the establishment of safe spaces and passage for civilians trapped in the humanitarian crisis. Independent donors fund MSF-USA, enabling them to mobilize and save lives in Afghanistan, Haiti, and beyond. MSF provides medical care with empathy and compassion to all patients, regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, or politics. MSF has been working in Gaza and the West Bank for over 20 years, providing medical care and supporting a health system that urgently lacks medical personnel and supplies. 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, **04-28-24 "Sunday Plate"**



Offertory *Go Down, Moses*

Spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes
UUSF Choir, Mark Sumner, director; Wm. García Ganz, pianist

Sermon "When Legacy Propels Boldness"

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

*Hymn 112

Do You Hear?

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*Benediction

Postlude *Chorale and Toccata on Foundation*

Franklin Ashdown
Reiko Oda Lane, organist

*Please rise in body or spirit.

PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leaders

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister
Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of Congregational Life
Sarah Ellerman, Allyne Circle
Linda Enger, Trustee

Sunday Support

Shulee Ong, Camera; Eric Shackelford, Camera; Jackson Munn, Camera
Jonathan Silk, Communications Director
Thomas Brown, Jose Matias Pineda, Francisco Castellanos, Sextons
Amy Kelly, Flowers
Linda Messner, Head Usher

Musicians

Reiko Oda Lane, Organist
UUSF Choir
Mark Sumner, Music Director
Wm. García Ganz, Pianist



Allyne Circle Honors Reception - Sunday, April 28, 12:30 pm, King Rooms

All are welcome to join us after service on Sunday, April 28 to honor the Allyne Circle: members of our community who generously remembered UUSF with a legacy gift. We'll gather to remember these members and express our gratitude. At the reception, we will unveil our refreshed plaque with a dozen new names on it as we enjoy a light lunch with the friends and family members of the Allyne Circle.

Wade in the Water

♩ = 63 Unison

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the

wa - ter, chil - dren, wade in the wa - ter,

God's gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter. *Fine*

1. See that band all dressed in white.
2. See that band all dressed in red.

Words & music: African American spiritual, c. 1750-1875,
arr. by Mary Allen Walden, 1946- , © 1992 Unitarian Universalist Association

MCCREE
Irregular

God's gon-na trou-ble the wa-ter. The lead - er looks like an
It looks like the band that

Is - rael - ite. Mo - ses led. God's gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter.

D.C. al Fine



$\text{♩} = 84$ *Unison*

1. Do you hear, oh my friend, in the
 2. Through the roar, through the rush, through the
 3. From the place where you stand to the

place through the
 out - er - most strand, do you
 where through the crush, do you
 you stand, through the

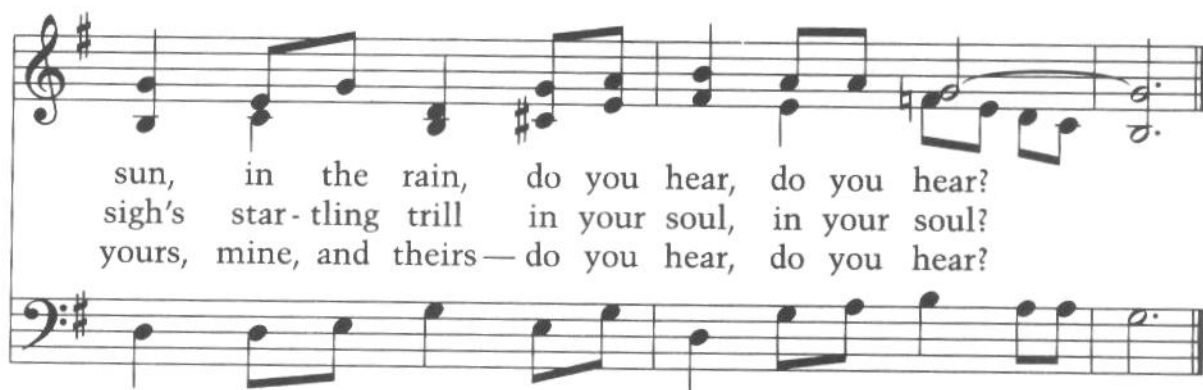
sky, through the land, do you hear, do you hear? In the
 hear in the hush of your soul, of your soul? Hear the
 hear, oh my friend, do you hear, do you hear? All the

heights, on the plain, in the vale, on the main, in the
 cry fear won't still, hear the heart's call to will, hear a
 dreams, all the dares, all the sighs, all the prayers—they are

Another harmonization, 69

⊕ Words: Emily L. Thorn, 1915–, © 1992 Unitarian Universalist Association
 Music: William Caldwell's *Union Harmony*, 1837,
 harmony by Eugene Wilson Hancock, 1929–, © 1984 Eugene Hancock

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TODAY!

UUSF Annual Operating Fund Pledge Drive for 2024-25

The “official” annual Canvass period is drawing to a close this month. We had a great response this year and have surpassed where we were last year at this time. We still have just under \$120,000 to meet our goal. We are still waiting on 40+ members to submit their pledge, so the goal is still achievable. If you are one of the 40+ group, please don't wait any longer. We are so close, and we are sure you too want to support our beloved community. It has been our pleasure to play a role in this year's Annual Canvass. Thanks to all of you who helped, encouraged, and, most of all, pledged. Co-Chairs Jack and Sherry Delo will be at a table in the gallery to answer any of your questions. <https://www.uusf.org/pledge>



Animal Rights and the Law with Wayne Hsiung - April 28, 9:30 am TSK Room/Zoom

Wayne Hsiung is an attorney who is an internationally recognized animal rescuer and investigator. Wayne was recently jailed for 38 days for organizing a peaceful protest and the open rescue of chickens and ducks from factory farms in Sonoma County, California. He was facing a maximum 16-year prison sentence last month for rescuing beagles from the 2nd largest breeder of dogs for experimentation in the U.S., Ridgland Farms in Dane County, Wisconsin. Charges were abruptly dropped right before trial to keep hidden from the public various criminal abuses of the dogs. Wayne has since petitioned for a special prosecutor to charge Ridgland Farms. Wayne works for animals despite the efforts of powerful industries to stop him and the dangers of the factory farming system in this country. Join us for an engaging discussion and learn what you can do to help. A light breakfast will be offered at 9:00 am. Zoom: <https://bit.ly/20240428ForumUU>. You can phone in at +1 669 444 9171. Meeting ID: 933 4616 4242, Passcode: 991929

New UU! - Sunday, April 28, 12:30 pm–2:00 pm, in person at UUSF

New UU is an interactive class offered quarterly by Revs. Vanessa Rush Southern and Laura Shennum, which gives you the chance to get a deeper understanding of Unitarian Universalism and our congregation. If you're interested but not available for the next class, let [Emma Wakeling](mailto:emma.wakeling@uusf.org) know and we will reach out to you when we offer the class again: ewakeling@uusf.org. Register at <https://bit.ly/NewUu0428>

HAPPENINGS

Monthly Grief Group - 1st Wednesday of the Month from 7-8:30 pm on Zoom

Facilitated by Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of Congregational Life. This is a monthly drop-in group for those who need support with grief or loss. The first meeting will be Wednesday, May 1. To receive the zoom link, please register at <https://bit.ly/UusfGriefGroup>. If you have any questions, contact Rev. Laura at lashennum@uusf.org.



Barbara Jeanne Conahan Celebration of Life Memorial Service

Saturday, May 4, 12:00 pm, Sanctuary/Livestream

Barbara Jeanne Conahan passed away on March 12, 2024, at the age of 76, leaving behind a legacy of love, laughter, and enduring friendships. Read Barbara's obituary to learn more about her at <https://legacy.co/49oHLuG>. Watch the memorial service in person or online at <https://bit.ly/UUBarbService>. Parking will be available in the St. Mary's Cathedral parking lot.

Black, Indigenous, and People of Color Gathering: May 5 from 9:30 am, On Zoom

This sacred space is open to our members and friends who are Black, Indigenous and People of Color. The meeting takes place by Zoom 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.

HAPPENINGS

Monthly Parent/Guardian Group - 1st Sundays during worship (Sun, May 5)

Facilitated by Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of Congregational Life. Parents and guardians gather on the first Sunday after the 11am service's doxology in the Fahs Room to check in about our roses/thorns and offer each other support as well as resources. If you have any questions, contact Rev. Laura at lashennum@uusf.org.

Newcomer Orientation - Sunday, May 5, 12:30 pm, Fahs Room

Newcomers are welcome to join us in the Fahs Room after the service to meet some of our members and learn more about our congregation and Unitarian Universalism. It's a great chance to meet other folks in the community, ask any questions you might have, and find out how to get involved in our programs and ministries.

Palestine, Israel, and The U.S. Empire. Sunday Forum with Richard Becker - May 5, 9:30 am TSK Room/Zoom

The ongoing conflict in Palestine and other Middle Eastern countries has worsened since October 7, with 30,000 Palestinian civilian deaths and 70,000 injuries. The situation is considered the worst war statistics in history, potentially leading to a broader international nuclear conflict. Protests demand the United States to end its support for the Israeli government, but so far, no avail. Richard Becker, the Western regional coordinator of the ANSWER Coalition, offers insights into what American citizens can do to understand and stop this immoral conflict and what actions are needed to ensure justice and equality for all involved. Becker has been an anti-war activist since the late 1960s and frequently speaks at the UUSF Forum. A light breakfast will be offered at 9:00 am. More info and Zoom links: <https://www.uusf.org/forum>

Extravaganza of Joy: Karaoke Version!! - Friday, May 10, 6-8:30 pm



Join us for the final Extravaganza of Joy on Friday, May 10! We will have a hosted Karaoke Night with **Tami Gosnell**, whom Revs. Shennum and Southern got to see in action last summer during the retreat! Tami is a hoot and knows how to bring people out of their shell! All ages, singing abilities, and talents are encouraged to attend! Attendees will provide a joyful potluck dinner. Let's wrap this year up with some good food and a joyful time! To register and let us know you are coming, use the link provided: <https://bit.ly/UuMayJoy>



UUSF All Church Retreat! - Saturday, May 25 - Mon, May 27

The CYO Retreat Center in Sonoma Country offers a rejuvenating retreat experience with friends and family. Participants can enjoy s'mores, singing songs, and stargazing at the campfire. The center features comfortable dormitory cabins, showers, bathrooms, a swimming pool, pond for canoeing, archery, tennis, basketball courts, and beautiful trails. Age 3 and under are free, while other participants pay \$250. Participants can contact **Alicia Cover** at acover@uusf.org for questions. The deadline is May 12. Register: <https://bit.ly/UUSFRetreat2024>. To apply for a scholarship: <https://bit.ly/UusfRetreatScholarship>. The deadline for scholarships is May 5.



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

Ministers' Book Group: April and May - On Repentance and Repair, by Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg

In April and May, Revs. Shennum and Southern will lead three sessions on Rabbi Ruttenberg's book, *On Repentance and Repair: Making Amends in an Unapologetic World*. This book is the UUA Common Read for this year and offers a framework for how we look at making amends and how we work toward forgiveness and repair that applies to both personal transgressions and the legacy of larger societal systemic harms (like the legacy of enslavement, sexual harassment and violence, Native genocide, and displacement). Rabbi Ruttenberg draws from the work of the great medieval Jewish philosopher Maimonides. Please join us as we think concretely about what healing and hope might look like and the tools we might gather to be part of that work. The sessions will be held on Zoom on **May 8th from 6:30–8 pm**. Register at <https://www.uusf.org/are>

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.

CONGREGATIONAL COVENANT (under construction)

In an effort to make the world a better place, we support each other's journey to seek truth with openness, curiosity and respect for different perspectives and paths.

As love is our spirit, we commit to respect, accept, listen to and support each other.

We hold ourselves and each other accountable by continually assessing our individual and community actions toward living into our covenant. This will include speaking up when someone's actions are not aligned.

We commit to be in community with openness and loving kindness, acknowledging our own biases and differing perspectives.

UUSF MEDIA

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Check out our Podcasts <https://www.uusf.org/worship-archives>

Go to our website at <https://www.uusf.org/>



**"Understanding Autism,
Each Other, and Ourselves"**

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