

# "Meditations on the Transformative Power of Street Ministry"

Sunday May 26, 2024, 10:50 am

First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco



**Order of Service**  
**Sunday May 26, 2024**  
**10:50 AM - 12:15 PM**

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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.

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Prelude      *Andante from Ten Duets, Opus 53*

Rheinhold Gliere  
Shana Downs and Jill Rachuy Brindel, cellists

Opening Words and Welcome

Sam King, Worship Associate

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.

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Brief Invitations

Linda Enger, Trustee

Greeting One Another

Ode to Memorial Day

Sam King

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.

Reflection from Mark

Music Commodo from Ten Duets, Opus 53

Gliere

Shana Downs and Jill Rachuy Brindel, cellists

Meditation

Rev. Charlotte Cramer, Guest Minister

## Offering

Today's offering will go to **Temple of the Forgotten**. ([See page 5 for more details.](#)) 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 to ensure your gift gets applied correctly. If you are sending a check, please mark in the memo today's date, 05-26-24, "Sunday Plate."



Offertory Music                      *Con moto from Ten Duets, Opus 53*                      Gliere  
Shana Downs and Jill Rachuy Brindel, cellists

Sermon                      "Meditations on the Transformative Power  
of Street Ministry"                      Rev. Charlotte Cramer

\*Hymn 354                      *We Laugh, We Cry*                      CREDO  
Akane Ota, songleader; David Jones, pianist

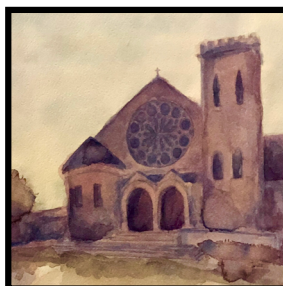
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\*Benediction

Postlude                      *Fuga prima*                      Luigi Boccherini  
Shana Downs and Jill Rachuy Brindel, cellists

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\*Please rise in body or spirit.



# PARTICIPANTS

## Worship Leaders

Rev. Charlotte Maitreya Cramer, Guest Minister  
Sam King, Worship Associate  
Linda Enger, Trustee

## Sunday Support

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

## Musician

Shana Downs and Jill Rachuy Brindel, cellists  
Akane Ota, songleader  
David Jones, pianist

# ABOUT

**Rev. Charlotte** is an ordained interfaith minister and chaplain with her Master of Divinity from Starr King School for the Ministry, a Certificate in Chaplaincy from The Chaplaincy Institute, and four units of Clinical Pastoral Education from The Shaw Chaplaincy Institute. She works as a street minister with The Street Chaplaincy in San Rafael, Marin County, CA, providing spiritual care for the many unhoused folks currently living in the city. Rev. Charlotte also works at Marin County Jail, providing direct spiritual care to inmates and leading weekly tarot card reading group sessions. She is in the process of starting her own organization, called Temple of the Forgotten, an interfaith organization that helps communities foster healthy, compassionate connections with their unhoused neighbors and transform into a space of belonging for all. Rev. Charlotte has been studying, both personally and academically, interspiritual mystical experience, deep listening, non-ordinary states of consciousness, and death and dying for over 5 years. She has a deep passion for the sacred, for caring for the human soul, and for her calling as a street minister. Rev. Charlotte lives in San Anselmo, CA, with her little puppy dog, Willie, and spends her free time in nature, practicing jiu jitsu, and going to ecstatic dance.

**Jill Rachuy Brindel** is a renowned cellist and member of the Navarro Trio, known as the premier trio of Northern California. She studied at Indiana University and Chicago Musical College and has performed chamber music at various venues, including Kohl Mansion, the Russian River Chamber Festival, Old First Church, and the Ralston Chamber Series. In 2006, she returned to the Mendocino Music Festival as principal cellist and chamber soloist, and in 2009, she became co-director of the Emerging Artists Program. Brindel actively promotes the music of her late father, composer Bernard Brindel, and is a private cello instructor and coach for the SFS Youth Orchestra. She has given seminars on audition techniques to students at the University of Nevada at Reno and the New World Symphony. In 2011, the San Francisco Symphony selected her to hold the Gary and Kathleen Heidenreich Second Century Cello Chair. In 2014, the Navarro Trio performed in Schroeder Hall, the new chamber music hall at Sonoma State University. She has been an instructor of cello at Sonoma State University since 2015.

# OFFERTORY

**Temple of the Forgotten** is a new organization (soon to be a 501c3) that equips local communities with the tools, education, awareness, and professional support needed to create spaces of belonging and support for their most vulnerable and marginalized neighbors, the unhoused and locally incarcerated. It is founded on the understanding that the greatest harm unhoused people experience is community isolation and dehumanization. Without compassion and care at the core of all efforts to heal homelessness, change will not come. The primary goals of Temple of the Forgotten in the next five years are to work with communities nationally to increase local volunteer education, involvement, and opportunities, as well as to aid in the creation, training, and support of interfaith street chaplains. More information is at [www.templeoftheforgotten.org](http://www.templeoftheforgotten.org).

## Morning Has Broken

*♩. = 56 Unison*



1. Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing, black-bird has  
2. Sweet the rain's new fall sun-lit from heav - en, like the first  
3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing born of the

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the  
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the  
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e -

sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing! Praise for them,  
sweet - ness of the wet gar - den, sprung in com -  
la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing, God's re - cre -

spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
plete - ness where God's feet pass.  
a - tion of the new day!

Words: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881-1965, used by perm. of David Higham Assoc., Ltd.  
Music: Gaelic melody, © 1931 Oxford University Press, harmony by David  
Evans, 1874-1948

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5.5.5.4.D.

M O R N I N G

## We Laugh, We Cry

$\text{♩} = 58$  Unison

F Dm B $\flat$

1. We laugh, we cry, we live, we die; we dance, we sing our  
 2. A child is born a - mong us and we feel a spe - cial  
 3. Our lives are full of won - der and our time is ver - y  
 4. We seek e - lu - sive an - swers to the ques - tions of this

F B $\flat$  C F

song. We need to feel there's some - thing here to  
 glow. We see time's end - less jour - ney as we  
 brief. The death of one a - mong us fills us  
 life. We seek to put an end to all the

B $\flat$  Gm C B $\flat$  C

which we can be - long. We need to feel the  
 watch the ba - by grow. We thrill to hear im -  
 all with pain and grief. But as we live, so  
 waste of hu - man strife. We search for truth, e -

⊕ Words & music: Shelley Jackson Denham, 1950- , © 1980 Shelley Jackson Denham,  
 ⊕ harmony by Betsy Jo Angebrannt, 1931- , © 1992 Unitarian Universalist Association

CREDO  
 Irregular

F Bb Gm G7 C

free-dom just to have some time a - lone. But  
 - ag - i - na - tion free - ly run - ning wild. We  
 shall we die, and when our lives are done the  
 - qual - i - ty, and bless - ed peace of mind. And

Bb C F Dm Bb C

most of all we need close friends we can call our ver - y  
 ded - i - cate our minds and hearts to the spir - it of this  
 mem - o - ries we shared with friends, they will lin - ger on and  
 then, we come to - geth - er here, to make sense of what we

F Gm Dm C

own. And we be - lieve in life, and in the  
 child. And we be - lieve in life, and in the  
 on. And we be - lieve in life, and in the  
 find. And we be - lieve in life, and in the

F F7+ Dm Gm Gm7 C

strength of love; and we have found a need to be to-  
 strength of love; and we have found a time to be to-  
 strength of love; and we have found a place to be to-  
 strength of love; and we have found a joy be-ing to-

HERE AND NOW



F Dm Gm Gm7

- geth - er. We have our hearts to  
 - geth - er. And with the grace of  
 - geth - er. We have the right to  
 - geth - er. And in our search for

C F F7+ Dm Dm7

give, we have our thoughts to re - ceive; and we be -  
 age, we share the won - der of youth, and we be -  
 grow, we have the gift to be - lieve that peace with -  
 peace, may - be we'll fi - nal - ly see: ev - en to

Gm Gm7 C Bb F

lieve that shar - ing is an an - swer.  
 lieve that grow - ing is an an - swer.  
 in our liv - ing is an an - swer.  
 ques - tion, tru - ly is an an - swer.

## TODAY!

### **Dreamscapes: Immersive Art Show by Elaine Pratt in the King Rooms until June 30**

Elaine Pratt's new artwork entitled "Dreamscapes" showing in the Kings Gallery until June 30. Elaine creates abstract works using layers of photos and drawings, layered and masked in Photoshop for texture, color, and shape. The process is immersive and meditative, with meaning emerging from the complexity of the technique. Inspired by nature, science, energy, and emotions, Elaine embraces the happy accident and allows the image to evolve and communicate for herself. Check it out; you'll be amazed!

## HAPPENINGS

### **Women's Rights Group Year-End Gathering - Saturday, June 1, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Chapel**

The Women's Rights group will celebrate their year's activities at UUSF in the Chapel on Saturday, June 1, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and brainstorm for next year's plans. Bring a bottle and/or a dish to share, and join the group celebration. Please notify WRG Chair Louise Diskerud at [louisediskerud@yahoo.com](mailto:louisediskerud@yahoo.com) if you plan to attend.

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### **Black, Indigenous, and People of Color Gathering: June 2 from 9:30 am in the Stebbins Room and 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](mailto:bipoc@uusf.org). Please come join this space for joy, renewal, care and inspiration.

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### **Civil Rights and Anti-Transgender Backlash in the United States - Forum on June 2, 9:30 am TSK Room/Zoom**

State legislatures have passed numerous bills targeting LGBT rights, particularly for transgender children. These bills restrict access to gender-affirming care, sports participation, and bathroom use. This presentation will discuss the impact of these legislation on individuals, families, and communities, and offer insights into the future struggle for trans rights. **Ryan Thoreson**, an assistant professor at the University of Cincinnati College of Law, has experience working on LGBT rights issues in schools, religious exemptions, healthcare access, and anti-transgender violence. Thoreson holds a law degree from Yale Law School, a doctorate in anthropology from Oxford University, and a bachelor's degree in government and studies of women, gender, and sexuality. A light breakfast will be offered at 9:00 am. **Zoom link:** <https://bit.ly/20240602ForumUUSF>. You can phone in at +1 669 444 9171. Meeting ID: 959 2846 5647, Passcode: 580275

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### **Annual Meeting - Sunday, June 2, 12:30 pm, TSK Room / Zoom**

Each year, the Society (UUSF) holds an annual meeting during the month of June. This year's meeting is scheduled for June 2, commencing at 12:30, after the Sunday Service in the TSK Room. The meeting will be held in person and over Zoom. The Annual Meeting is an opportunity to thank the many members of the congregation who have volunteered their time and treasure during the year. We will vote on Board of Trustee and Nominating Committee candidates, Article II, and our new congregational covenant. We will also honor May Treat Morrison and remember those who have died. Information about the nominees for the Board and Nominating committee can be found online at <https://www.uusf.org/nominatingcommittee>. **Zoom Link for meeting:** <https://bit.ly/AnnualMeetingUUSf>. You can phone in at 1 408 638 0968. Meeting ID: 853 7153 0256. Passcode: 430696.

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### **Newcomer Orientation - Sunday, June 9, 12:30 pm, Fireside Room**

Those who are new to our church are encouraged to come and join us in the Fireside Room after the service so that they can get to know some of our members and learn more about Unitarian Universalism and our congregation. You will get the opportunity to meet other people in the community, ask any questions that you might have, and learn how to become involved in our activities and ministries. This is a wonderful opportunity.

# HAPPENINGS



## Our Town, Classical Guitarist Concert, Broadway's Company!

On Friday, June 7th, and Sunday, June 9th, we will feature two special events in a month:

On Friday, June 7 a prepared reading of **the** quintessentially American play Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*, will be populated with members from our own community, AND we will serve up a New Hampshire breakfast for **dinner** that night in the Thomas Starr King room.

And on Sunday, June 9 after church at 1:30, our beloved classical guitarist, **Eric Hamilton**, will be performing a colorful and varied program of music in a special, intimate audience configuration we have planned for our performance space. A lunch will also be available prior to that event, and like the Friday night dinner, a suggested donation will cover that cost.

A group is planning to attend **COMPANY's** Broadway musical touring Company at the Orpheum Theatre on June 13th. Interested members can contact **Mark Sumner** for details and preferred price point.

Our new SKWPS banner will be up in the gallery soon, and the QR code on it will automatically direct you to all SKWPS information

([www.uusf.org/skwps](http://www.uusf.org/skwps)), with detailed information on how, when, and where to grab a seat for these and future events. If you see Bruce Clements, Nancy Munn, or Mark Sumner ([sngwtme@gmail.com](mailto:sngwtme@gmail.com)), they will also have information.

We hope you will plan to be present at these and as many SKWPS events as you can manage! We guarantee that you will enjoy each and every one of them.

## An All-Ages Sangha in the Thich Nhat Hanh Plum Village Tradition - Fridays from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm, Chapel

We are happy to announce that a new weekly Buddhist meditation group is coming to UUSF. We are the Home Within Sangha—a local San Francisco community of meditation practitioners in Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh's engaged Plum Village tradition. No experience is necessary. Come to 1187 Franklin Street, and someone will let you in at the glass doors. To join our mailing list, visit <https://bit.ly/SangaGroupUUSF> and click "Ask to join group" All are welcome. We hope to see you there!

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

### Ministers' Book Group: June - Hijab Butch Blues: A Memoir by Lamya H - June 26

In our June book gathering, we will read the memoir of a young, queer, and hijab-wearing Muslim who comes to the US and her quest to find and be herself. Things about being an immigrant make that hard, and her family and larger community of Muslims can too. It is honest and searching, but the surprise and delight is how her search, within her faith tradition, leads her to passages, stories, and people in the Quran that can be read as liberatory and supportive of her own story, life choices, and journey. We will meet on Zoom Wednesday, June 26th, 6:30-8 pm. More Info and to register: <https://www.uusf.org/are>

### Morning Meditation & Equanimity Practice

Morning Meditation - Tuesdays & Thursday, 8-8:30 am: A simple, centering loving kindness meditation practice which is appropriate for all religious backgrounds and levels of meditation. Equanimity Practice - Fridays, 8-8:30 am: A meditation practice on cultivating equanimity—that is, accepting the reality of life's highs and lows and developing an attitude of peaceful calm abiding throughout the inevitable changes.

Both on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/3A8Zl73>

# 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

View our videos <http://www.youtube.com/c/UUSFMedia>

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

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

WATCH LAST WEEKS SERVICE: <https://bit.ly/UUSFServices>

**"The Fight to be Authentic,  
and Loved"**

**Sunday, May 19, 10:50 am, 2024**



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previously recorded  
services.