

# "A Look Back"

Sunday June 2, 2024, 10:50 am

First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco







**Order of Service**  
**Sunday June 2, 2024**  
**10:50 AM - 12:15 PM**

Livestreamed at [bit.ly/uusfmedia](https://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.

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Prelude      *Morning So Fair to See*  
                  *Pour Light Upon Us*

Alice Jordan  
George Oldroyd  
Reiko Oda Lane, organist

Opening Words and Welcome

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.

\*Hymn 12

*O Life That Maketh All Things New*

TRURO

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Welcoming of New Members

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern & Rev. Laura Shennum

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

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

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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.

Reflection

Mari Magaloni Ramos, Worship Associate

Music *The Parting Glass*

Daniel Wyncoop  
UUSF Choir, Mark Sumner, director

Time of Prayer/Meditation

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

Offering

Today's offering will go to the **Society for Community Work, Community Grants Committee**, a working group within UUSF. Your Community Grants Committee provides grants to small nonprofit organizations in San Francisco and the Greater Bay Area to promote equality and justice. This year's recipients include League of Women's Voters Oakland, Home Away from Homelessness, Daly City Youth Health Center, The Practice Space, Bay Area 350, Oakland Theater Project, and Project Avary. These organizations aim to register younger voters, support safe transportation for children, provide behavioral healthcare, fund K-12 speech programs, and provide theater tickets for those unable to afford them. The committee encourages generous support for their next round of grant-making. Website: <https://www.uusf.org/scwcommunitygrants>. 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, **06-02-24**, "Sunday Plate."



Offertory Music

*Homeward Bound*

Marta Keen

UUSF Choir; Andrew Kessler, director; Wm. García Ganz, pianist

Sermon

"A Look Back"

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern



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

Postlude

Sunday from *Sunday in the Park with George*

Stephen Sondheim

UUSF Choir, Mark Sumner, director, Wm. García Ganz, pianist

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\*Please rise in body or spirit.

## PARTICIPANTS

### **Worship Leaders**

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister  
Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of Congregational Life  
Mari Magaloni Ramos, Worship Associate  
Galen Workman, Trustee

### **Sunday Support**

Shulee Ong; Eric Shackelford; Jackson Munn; Francisco Castellanos, Camera Operators  
Jonathan Silk, Communications Director  
Thomas Brown, Jose Matias Pineda, Francisco Castellanos, Sextons  
Carrie Steere-Salazar, Flowers  
Linda Messner, Head Usher

### **Musician**

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

## 12

O Life That Maketh  
All Things New

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1. O Life that mak - eth all things new, the bloom - ing  
 2. From hand to hand the greet - ing flows, from eye to  
 3. One in the free - dom of the truth, one in the  
 4. The fre - er step, the full - er breath, the wide ho -

earth, our thoughts with - in, our pil - grim feet, wet with thy  
 eye the sig - nals run, from heart to heart the bright hope  
 joy of paths un - trod, one in the soul's per - en - nial  
 ri - zon's grand - er view, the sense of life that knows no

dew, in glad - ness hith - er turn a - gain.  
 glows; the seek - ers of the light are one:  
 youth, one in the larg - er thought of God;  
 death, the Life that mak - eth all things new.

⊕ Words: Samuel Longfellow, 1819-1892  
 Music: Thomas Williams's *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789

TRURO  
 L.M.



## TODAY!

### ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 2

Join us at 12:30 pm in the King Rooms for the Annual Meeting and New Member Cake Reception. Childcare will be available.

The meeting aims to thank congregation members for their time and treasure, vote on Board of Trustee and Nominating Committee candidates, and discuss Article II and the new congregational covenant. It also honors May Treat Morrison and remembers those who have died. More information about the nominees can be found at

<https://www.uusf.org/nominatingcommittee>.

Click the link below or scan the QR Code. Dial in at +1 408 638 0968. Meeting ID: 853 7153 0256. Passcode: 430696.

<https://bit.ly/AnnualMeetingUUsf>



### **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/20240602ForumUUSE>. You can phone in at +1 669 444 9171. Meeting ID: 959 2846 5647, Passcode: 580275

### **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.

## HAPPENINGS

### **YA Gathering: Craft & Chat - Wednesday, 5 June, 6:00 pm –7:30 pm, MLK Room**

Join us for a creative gathering featuring crafting activities, coloring books, and more. Children and youth under 18 are welcome, as long as a parent or guardian is present. Light snacks will be shared, but dinner or snacks are welcome. Feel free to bring your own projects or play with others. For any questions, contact Membership & Young Adult Manager Emma Wakeling at [ewakeling@uusf.org](mailto:ewakeling@uusf.org).

# HAPPENINGS

## **Starr King Way Performance Series (SKWPS): 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 pm, 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.

Go to [www.uusf.org/skwps](http://www.uusf.org/skwps) for more 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.

## **SF Interfaith Council Online Briefing for Community and Faith Partners Thursday, June 6 at 8:30 am on Zoom**

Join Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern on Thursday, June 6, at 8:30 am as we Shine a Light on the Realities of COVID-19 Post-Recovery Worship and Community Life. Register at <https://bit.ly/3KnZCrJ> or scan the QR Code.



## **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.

## **Rent Plus: The Emergence of a New Landlord Tenant Relationship - Forum on June 9, 9:30 am TSK Room/Zoom**

After the 2008 Financial Crisis, hundreds of thousands of single-family homes were foreclosed and reverted to the federal government, which was then transferred to hedge funds and private equity firms. These companies, each with tens of thousands of homes, invested in property technologies and created residential rental platforms to manage thousands of homes distributed across the country. These companies have made it easier to extract higher rents and fees while exerting more control over tenants' lives. This presentation explores how these companies came to exist and how they are changing the landlord-tenant relationship. Presenter **Nathan Gandrud**, a law student at the University of San Francisco, focuses on public interest law and tenant's rights. A light breakfast will be offered at 9:00 am. **Zoom link:** <https://bit.ly/20240609ForumUUSE>. You can phone in at +1 669 444 9171. Meeting ID: 944 2993 6269 Passcode: 908583

## **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>



# 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.

We welcome the newcomer, we commit to building trust with each other, we celebrate differences and make space for repair when harm occurs.

## 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>



**"Meditations on the Transformative  
Power of Street Ministry"**

**Sunday, May 26, 10:50 am, 2024**



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