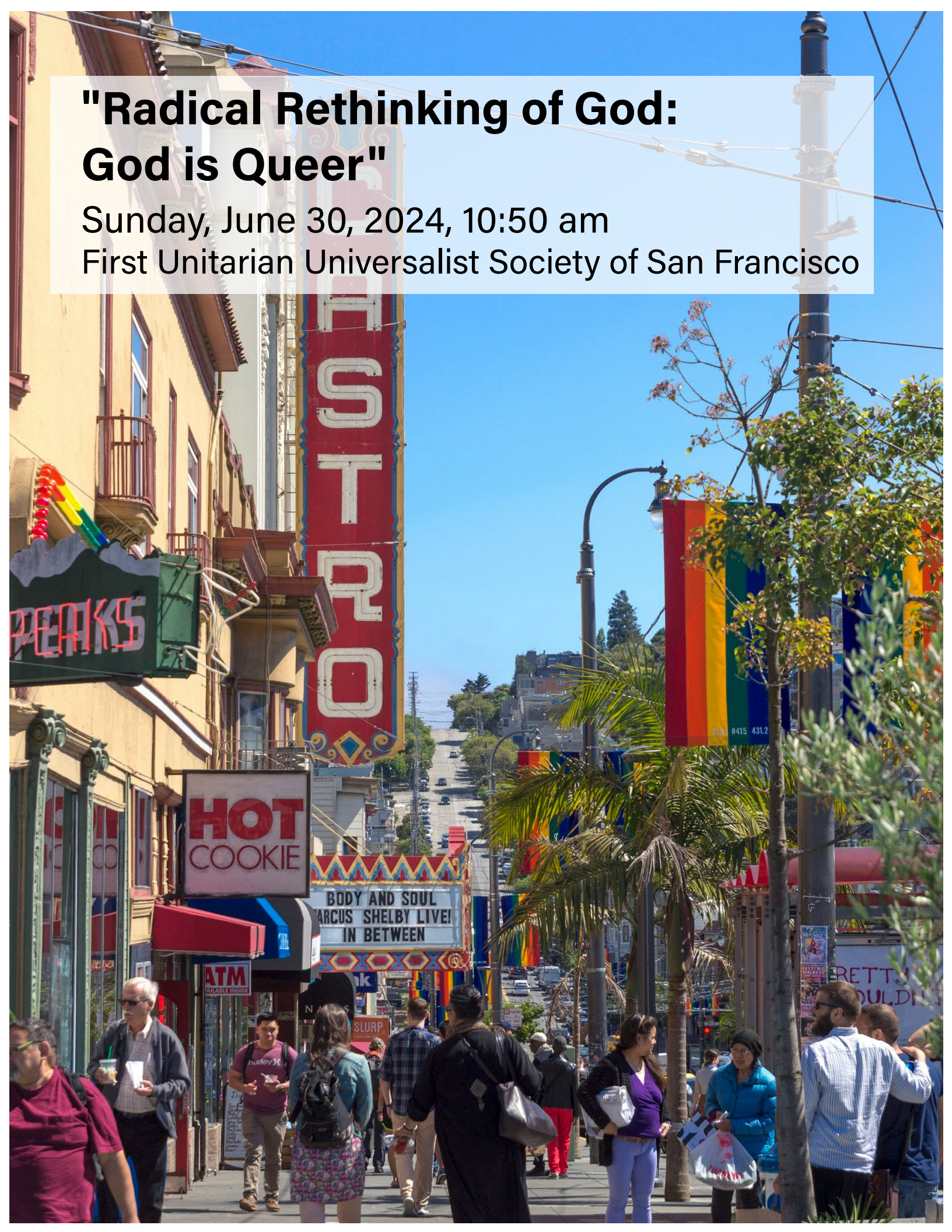


"Radical Rethinking of God: God is Queer"

Sunday, June 30, 2024, 10:50 am

First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco





Order of Service
Sunday June 30, 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 *Settings on Early American Hymn Tunes:*
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Amazing Grace
Wondrous Love

Gilbert Martin
Gilbert Martin
Wood/Thiman
Reiko Oda Lane, organist

Opening Words and Welcome

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister

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

Unison Covenant

Rev. Laura Shennum

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

Carmen Barsody, Worship Associate

Music *Come Sunday*

Duke Ellington
Lambert Moss, singer

Time of Prayer/Meditation “Queering of the 23rd Psalm” by M Jade Kaiser, *enfleshed*

This morning's offering will benefit the work and ministries of First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco (UUSF). Learn more at www.uusf.org/about. 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, 06-30-24, "Sunday Plate."



Offertory Music *Why Try To Change Me Now?* Cy Coleman and Joseph Allen McCarthy Jr.
Lambert Moss, singer

Sermon "Radical Rethinking of God: God is Queer" Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

*Hymn 295 *Sing Out Praises for the Journey* WESTMINSTER ABBEY
Andrew Kessler songleader, Reiko Oda Lane, organist

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Benediction

Postlude *Over The Rainbow* Harold Arlen and Yip Harburg
Lambert Moss, singer

*Please rise in body or spirit.

PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leaders

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister
Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of Congregational Life
Carmen Barsody, Worship Associate
Linda Enger, Trustee

Sunday Support

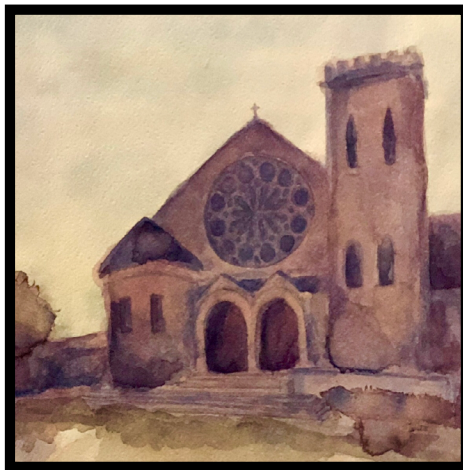
Shulee Ong, Eric Shackelford; Jackson Munn, Francisco Castellanos, Camera Operators
Jonathan Silk, Communications Director
Thomas Brown, Jose Matias Pineda, Francisco Castellanos, Sextons
Amy Kelly, Flowers
Linda Messner, Head Usher

Musicians

Reiko Oda Lane, Organist
Lambert Moss, Singer
Andy Kessler, Songleader

ABOUT

Lambert Moss hails from New York City, where he learned his craft under the tutelage of the finest musical theater, cabaret, jazz, underground club, and drag performers. He is now based in San Francisco and has been thrilled to work with some of the city's best musicians, such as Tammy Hall. He feels blessed to have performed at many SF venues, including Feinstein's, Mr. Tipples, Martuni's, and the Stud, as well as at great events like the SF Carnival.



UUSF will be closed for the 4th of July.

Break Not the Circle

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$\text{♩} = 60$

1. Break not the cir - cle of en - a - bling
 2. Come, won - der at this love that comes to
 3. Join then the move - ment of the love that

love where peo - ple grow, for - giv - en and for -
 life, where words of free - dom are with hu - mor
 frees, till peo - ple of what - ev - er race or

giv - ing; break not that cir - cle, make it wid - er
 spo - ken, and peo - ple keep no score of wrong and
 na - tion will tru - ly be them - selves, stand on their

still, till it in - cludes, em - brac - es all the liv - ing.
 guilt, but will that hu - man bonds re - main un - bro - ken.
 feet, see eye to eye with laugh - ter and e - la - tion.

Words: Fred Kaan, 1929- , © 1975 Hope Publishing Co.
 ⊕ Music: Thomas Benjamin, 1940- , © 1992 Unitarian Universalist Association

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 10.11.10.11.

295 Sing Out Praises for the Journey

$\text{♩} = 108$

1. Sing out prais - es for the jour - ney, pil - grims, we, who
 2. Look in - side, your soul's the kin - dling of the hearth fire
 3. Stand we now up - on the thresh - old, fac - ing fu - tures

car - ry on, search - ers in the soul's deep yearn - ings,
 pil - grims knew. Find the spir - it, al - ways rest - less,
 yet un - known. Hearth be - hind us, way - side hos - tel

like our fore - bears in their time. We seek out the
 find it in each mind and heart. Touch and hold that
 built by those who knew wild roads. Guard we e'er their

spir - it's whole - ness in the end - less hu - man quest.
 an - cient yearn - ing, kin - dling for a new - found truth.
 sa - cred em - bers car - ried in our minds and hearts.

⊕ Words: Mark M. DeWolfe, 1953–1988,
 ⊕ rev. by Joyce Painter Rice, © 1991 Unitarian Universalist Association
 Music: Henry Purcell, 1659–1695

WESTMINSTER ABBEY
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TODAY!

Postcards to Hitler: Meet the Author and Get Your Signed Copy! - Sunday, June 30, 12:30 pm, Gallery

Bruce Neuburger will be selling, signing, and discussing his new book *Postcards to Hitler*, a narrative that follows the history of Jewish accomplishments in Germany from a "Golden Age" to mass murder during World War II. The book uses family stories, interviews, and archival documents to depict the rise of racist antisemitism and fascism. Bill will also be reading the book at Bird and Beckett bookstore in San Francisco on July 11.

Join UU the Vote in empowering underserved communities through voter encouragement!

Help put into action our commitments to honor the democratic process and to work towards a more inclusive community and nation. Come to the letter writing table in the Gallery after the service to learn more and assist with encouraging voters from underserved communities to make their voices heard. Do you require additional details or possess any information to share? Email your questions to cal.f.ball@gmail.com.

Join our final auction survey and help make our October 20th event a success!

Participants are encouraged to complete the survey to provide valuable insights into their feelings and thoughts about the annual auction. The survey can be completed online at <https://bit.ly/3zngrAZ> or by contacting Cheryl Deaner at cdd.mft@gmail.com. If you have any additional comments, concerns, or ideas, they can be contacted at 415-282-2200. Thank you for taking the survey last!

HAPPENINGS

Blue Jean Wednesday: Join us for a Summer Cleaning Party at UUSF Center! - July 3 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Get together with fellow UUSF volunteers and staff for a Blue Jean Wednesday to help tidy and clean up the UUSF Center. Come along on Wednesday, July 3rd, between 1 PM and 4 PM, to give our beautiful space a little love with some summer cleaning. Tasks needed include weeding the courtyard and grounds and clearing out cupboards and storage in the center. There will be light snacks and camaraderie! Sign up for a task / area using the Signup Genius form at <https://bit.ly/3RK3Fme>

Newcomer Orientation - Sunday, July 7, 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.

Feed Our Community: Volunteer at the Interfaith Food Pantry - Saturday, July 20

Join UUSF members and community volunteers to distribute groceries to 325+ households on Saturday, July 20, 2024. Food prices are high, and we are needed now. Volunteer shifts start at 8:15 am, and 7:30 am if you can help unload the truck. Go to www.uusf.org/foodpantry to sign up, check out the calendar, and if you have questions, contact Hanna Hart or Ben Bear.

Full Moon Magic: Harnessing Energy and Manifesting Intentions with the Pagan Interest Circle - Saturday, July 20

The Pagan Interest Circle is hosting a ritual on July 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel to increase their magical energy on the Eve of the Full Moon. The season of summer, associated with fire, is a time of abundance and vitality. The ritual will focus on trance and other methods to increase energy and focus it in service of our will. Food or non-alcoholic beverages are welcome after the ritual. The Pagan Interest Circle will also hold a Full Moon Ritual on August 17th. More info at <https://www.uusf.org/pict>

HAPPENINGS

Young Adult Lunch outing: Village Cafe - Sunday July 21, meet at UUSF after worship

Join UUSF young adults on the third Sunday of each month for lunch at Village Cafe after worship. This event is open to all 18-39 year olds, new or long-time members. As a special treat to celebrate the end of the year, lunch is on UUSF this Sunday. For any questions, contact Membership & Young Adult Manager Emma Wakeling at ewakeling@uusf.org.

Protect Our Immigrant Neighbors: Preserve SF's Sanctuary City Policy - Sunday, July 28, 12:30 pm, TSK Room

San Francisco residents have long fought to make the city a sanctuary for undocumented immigrants, with protective ordinances dating back to the 1980s. However, the current administration has debated on weakening these protections, and there has been an increase in federal arrests of immigrants on federal properties within the city. Immigration attorneys Luis Angel Reyes Savalza and Lisa Knox will discuss defending the sanctuary city status and avoiding reliance on local politicians. This event is co-sponsored by the Human Rights Working Group and Labor and Community for an Independent Party (LCIP).

Summer Care for Preschool and Nursery Children

Throughout the summer, there will be care for our preschool and nursery children every Sunday in July and August, starting at 10:45 a.m. Our trained staff will be present to care for your children.

Courtyard Connections: Fun and Fellowship for All Ages

Children and youth will participate in supervised casual activities (games and crafts) in the courtyard during the worship service in July and August. After worship, activities will continue for anyone who wants to connect with others through a game or craft.

UUSF Volunteer Dashboard: Get Involved and Make a Difference

UUSF offers various volunteer opportunities to suit different schedules, interests, and ages. Visit the UUSF Volunteer Dashboard for current and upcoming roles and contact the opportunity coordinator by going to <https://bit.ly/4bkOK9e>

UUSF Community Survey: Updating Demographics & Emergency Contact Information

Help us update our database! Please fill out this short survey about your demographics and emergency contact information. Collecting this data helps us make our community as inclusive as possible. The survey is open to anyone who participates (or has participated) in community life at UUSF. Go to <https://bit.ly/45mO9Cs> or scan the QR code. →



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

New UU Class: Deepen Your Understanding of Unitarian Universalism

The New UU class will be held on Wednesday, July 10, at 6:00 pm, Fireside Room

The new UU class, offered quarterly by Revs. Vanessa Rush Southern and Laura Shennum, will take place on Wednesday, July 10, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at UUSF. This interactive class provides a deeper understanding of Unitarian Universalism and the congregation. It is an optional step on the path to membership at UUSF, and there is no obligation to attend. The class will be held on a weekday evening and share a meal. The registration deadline is Sunday, July 7. Register at <https://bit.ly/uuNew7-10-24>

Join the UU EcoSocialist Network for a Spirited Discussion on Spirituality, Ecology, and Socialism! Wednesday, July 10, at 6:00 pm, Stebbins Room

The Unitarian Universalist EcoSocialist Network is hosting a discussion group on all things spirituality, ecology, and the socialist transition of society. Our first gathering will be on July 10th at 6:30pm in the Stebbins room and on Zoom. We will have a short reading together and video clips to frame our discussion. Register at <https://bit.ly/45FLvId>

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>

**"Harmony Unveiled: The Secret
Music of the Renaissance"**
Sunday, June 23, 2024, 10:50 am



Scan the QR code ↑ to
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YouTube channel and
view upcoming and
previously recorded
services.