

"Radical Rethinking of God: God in Formation"

Sunday, July 14, 2024, 10:50 am

First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco





Order of Service
Sunday July 14, 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

Opening Words and Welcome

Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of Congregational Life

Unison Chalice Lighting

Daniel Jackoway, Worship Associate

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

Julia Wald, Trustee

Greeting One Another

Unison Covenant

Daniel Jackoway

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.

Reading

Two Poems: "I Happened to be Standing" Mary Oliver
"Earthseed" by Octavia E. Butler

Daniel Jackoway

Music

Little B's Poem

Bobby Hutcherson
Tommy Kesecker, vibraphonist

Time of Prayer/Meditation

Rev. Laura Shennum

This morning's offering will benefit the work of the **Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth** (UUMFE). Read more about UUMFE on the next page. 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, **07-14-24**, "Sunday Plate."



Offertory Music *Morning*

Clare Fischer
Tommy Kesecker, vibraphonist

Sermon "Radical Rethinking of God: God in Formation"

Rev. Laura Shennum

*Hymn 298

Wake, Now, My Senses

SLANE

Andrew Kessler, songleader; Reiko Oda Lane, organist

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Benediction

Rev. Daniel Lawlor

Postlude ALLEGRO MAESTOSO from Water Music Suite

G. F. Handel
Reiko Oda Lane, organist

*Please rise in body or spirit.



PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leaders

Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of Congregational Life
Daniel Jackoway, Worship Associate
Julia Wald, Board of Trustees

Sunday Support

Eric Shackelford; Shulee Ong; Francisco Castellanos, Camera Operators
Grace Bradley, Sound
Thomas Brown, Jose Matias Pineda, Francisco Castellanos, Sextons
Athena Papadakos, Flowers
Linda Messner, Head Usher

Musicians

Reiko Oda Lane, Organist
Tommy Kesecker, Vibraphonist
Andrew Kessler, Songleader

ABOUT

For decades, San Francisco-based vibraphonist **Tommy Kesecker** has delighted audiences with his virtuosic performances and has shared his wealth of knowledge with students of all ages. Chronicle staff writer Jesse Hamlin once referred to Tommy as “a cross between Milt Jackson, a Jamaican steel drummer, and a Balinese gamelan player.”

OFFERTORY

Today’s offering will benefit the **UU Ministry for Earth** (<https://www.uumfe.org/about/>). The Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth's mission is to be a seedbed for spiritual grounding and education that inspires deep practices of earth care, justice, and flourishing for all. Its Vision is “A world in which reverence, gratitude, and care for each other and for the living Earth are central to the lives of all people.” Look at the website or talk to Rev. Lawlor about opportunities to connect, serve, and deepen yourself, or help deepen UUSF’s connection and care for Earth and our practices of nurturing the flourishing of all life.

Dear Weaver of Our Lives' Design 22

$\text{♩} = 100$

1. Dear weav - er of our lives' de - sign whose
 2. Take up the fab - ric of our lives with
 3. Let eyes that in the plain - est cloth a

pat - terns all o - bey, with skill - ful fin - gers
 hands that gen - tly hold; bind in the rag - ged
 hid - den beau - ty see dis - cern in us our

gent - ly guide the stur - dy threads that
 edge that care would sun - der and that
 rich - est hues, show us the pat - terns

will sur - vive the tan - gle of our days.
 pain would tear, and mend our rav - 'ling souls.
 we may use to set our spir - its free.

⊕ Words: Nancy C. Dorian, 1936- ,
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 Music: Nikolaus Herman, 1480-1561,
 harmonized by J. S. Bach, 1685-1750

LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN
 8.6.8.8.6.

Wake, Now, My Senses

$\text{♩} = 108$ *Unison*

1. Wake, now, my sens - es, and hear the earth call;
 2. Wake, now, my rea - son, reach out to the new;
 3. Wake, now, com - pas - sion, give heed to the cry;

feel the deep pow - er of be - ing in all;
 join with each pil - grim who quests for the true;
 voic - es of suf - fer - ing fill the wide sky;

keep, with the web of cre - a - tion your vow,
 hon - or the beau - ty and wis - dom of time;
 take as your neigh - bor both strang - er and friend,

giv - ing, re - ceiv - ing as love shows us how.
 suf - fer thy lim - it, and praise the sub - lime.
 pray - ing and striv - ing their hard - ship to end.

⊕ Words: Thomas J. S. Mikelson, 1936-
 Music: Traditional Irish melody, harmony by Carlton R. Young, 1926- ,
 renewal © 1992 Abingdon Press

SLANE
 10.10.10.10.

TODAY!

'Reflections: Membership so far' Sunday, July 14, from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm in the TSK Room.

On Sunday, July 14th, all UUSF members are invited to a 'Reflections: Membership so far' event in the TSK Room. The event will allow members to reflect on their time at UUSF, whether it's just a few months, years, or decades. It's an opportunity to connect with new members and strengthen community connections. The event will also allow members to take stock of their experience and learn from others' journeys. Lunch will be provided, and all UUSF members are welcome. Questions, contact Membership and Young Adult Manager Emma Wakeling at ewakleing@uusf.org.

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

We are encouraging underserved communities to participate in the upcoming elections by writing letters and assembling a team for in-person canvassing in Arizona. We also aim to connect with phone banking opportunities to assist with voter registration. Join us in the gallery on Sunday after church service to make a difference. Email your questions to cal.f.ball@gmail.com.

New Art Show in the King Rooms: Karen Ande: Capturing the Faces of the AIDS Crisis & "Wild Life": Lisa Gale Garrigues' Journey from Film to Digital Photography

Karen Ande, a San Francisco-based social documentary and portrait photographer, began documenting the AIDS epidemic in 2002. Media outlets have featured her work, and it has raised funds for orphaned children. Lisa Gale Garrigues, a freelance journalist and photographer, began her photography journey at the City College of San Francisco with an old 4x5 camera. She has since experimented with digital manipulation, capturing moments of engagement with the natural world in her show "Wild Life." Come see their photography today! Karen's photos are in the TSK Room, and Lisa's pictures are in the MLK Room.

SUMMER SUNDAYS - CONNECTION & CARE

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. →



HAPPENINGS

Workers Voices/Workers Power on July 20 in the TSK Room from 6-9pm and 21 in the Chapel from 1-8pm

Workers Voices/Workers Power is a series of events scheduled for July 20th and 21st. **The July 20 from 6-9 p.m. event**, "For the Union Makes Us Strong!" will feature a night of working-class music, featuring performances by Bay Area choral groups such as The Freedom Song Network, Vukani Mawethu, La Peña Community Chorus, and Pat Wynne and the Rockin' Solidarity Labor Heritage Chorus. **The July 21 from 1-4pm event**, "Labor Notes Conference/Area Organizing Campaigns Report Back and Discussion," will report back on the Labor Notes Conference in Chicago, which welcomed nearly 5,000 attendees but turned away thousands more. **The July 21 from 5-8 p.m. event** will also feature a discussion on labor storytelling with speakers such as working-class novelist Michael Dunn, picket-line chant leader Bill Shields, area spoken word artists, and the domestic workers theater troupe, La Colectiva de Mujeres Original. This event aims to celebrate and lift up the voices of working people, highlighting their multicultural glory. We are requesting donations to cover the costs of space rental and production.

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 - July 28, 12:30 pm, TSK Room/Zoom

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 **EJ Esperanza** 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). Join this event via Zoom by registering at <https://bit.ly/3WfJIGM>

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>

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.

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

Join the UU EcoSocialist Network for a Spirited Discussion on Spirituality, Ecology, and Socialism! July 10 at 6:30 pm

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>

**"Spiritual Practices
and Climate Justice"**
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services.