

"Diyos sa Gugma (God of Love): Building Bridges with the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Philippines (UUCP)"

Sunday, August 25, 2024, 10:50 am

First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco





Order of Service
Sunday August 25, 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 Intermezzo in G major

Sky Evergreen
Wm. García Ganz, pianist

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.

*Hymn 159

This is My Song

FINLANDIA

Akane Ota, songleader; Wm. García Ganz, pianist

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Time for all ages

Visayan Origin Myth

Sam King

Brief Invitations

Linda Enger, Trustee

Greeting One Another

Unison Covenant

Sam King

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

Sam King

Music *Litanei*

Franz Schubert
Christine Abram, soprano; Wm. García Ganz, pianist

Time of Prayer/Meditation

Rev. Kevin Alan Mann

Offering

Today's offering will be to support the **Unitarian Universalist Church of the Philippines**, which has over 3,000 UUs in 25 congregations. Your support will go directly to supporting the UUCP's mission, which was founded by Rev. Toribio Quimada in 1955. Salamat, and thank you! Learn more about the Unitarian Universalist Church in the Philippines (UUCP) and its mission to empower education and faith in the Philippines go to <https://rb.gy/dudpa2>. 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, 08-25-24, "Sunday Plate."



Offertory Music *Lord, I Just Can't Keep from Cryin'* Margaret Bonds
Christine Abram, soprano; Wm. García Ganz, pianist

Sermon “Diyos sa Gugma (God of Love): Building Bridges Rev. Kevin Alan Mann
with the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Philippines (UUCP)”

*Hymn 123 *Spirit of Life* SPIRIT OF LIFE
Akane Ota, songleader; Wm. García Ganz, pianist

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Benediction Rev. Kevin Alan Mann

Postlude *Domine Deus*, from *Gloria* Antonio Vivaldi
Christine Abram, soprano; Wm. García Ganz, pianist

*Please rise in body or spirit.



The flowers today are in celebration of
Jan and Howard's 60th wedding anniversary.

PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leaders

Rev. Kevin Alan Mann, Guest Minister
Sam King, Worship Associate
Linda Enger, Board of Trustees

Sunday Support

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

Musicians

Christine Abrams, Soprano
Akane Ota, Songleader
Wm. García Ganz, Pianist

ABOUT

Rev. Kevin Alan Mann (he/him/siyá) was ordained by the First Unitarian Church of Oakland in October 2023 and serves as a Chaplain with Sequoia Hospice. He did his Chaplaincy Residency at California Pacific Medical Center and is a member of the Diversity Advisory Council of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. As a Queer Filipino American Unitarian Universalist, Kevin's ministry is rooted in building collective solidarity towards anti-racist multicultural Beloved Community.

Rev. Kevin received his Master of Divinity and Social Change from Starr King School for the Ministry in 2016 and serves as the Assistant Professor of Multicultural Chaplaincy and Community Ministries. Kevin is one of the founders of Bay Area DRUUMM (Diverse Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries) the regional BIPOC UU network and serves as a Consultant for Partnership with UU Church of the Philippines.

Christine Abraham has appeared as a featured soloist with the orchestras of Philadelphia, San Francisco, Dallas, and St. Louis, as well as the Boston Baroque, Chicago's Music of the Baroque, and the Toronto Consort. On the opera stage, she has performed roles with the Metropolitan Opera, New York City Opera, Glimmerglass Opera, Santa Fe Opera, Boston Lyric Opera, and Spoleto Festival USA. As an advocate of contemporary works, Ms. Abraham has premiered many new works and can be heard on recordings by Signum Classics, Naxos American Classics, BIS Music, Arabesque Recordings, and BBC Music. Ms. Abraham maintains a private teaching studio and serves on the collegiate faculty of California State University East Bay, where she was Andrew Kessler's teacher, and the pre-college and continuing education faculty at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. She sings with Nancy Munn and Akane Ota in the 21V Choir, which will be the second performance in the 2024–25 Starr King Way Performance Series (SKWPS!) <https://www.uusf.org/skwps> on Sunday, November 3.

This Is My Song

$\text{♩} = 76$

1. This is my song, O God of all the na-tions,
2. My coun-try's skies are blu-er than the o - cean,
a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun-light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine;
This is my home, the coun-try where my heart is;
but oth - er lands have sun-light too, and clo - ver,
here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
O hear my song, thou God of all the na-tions,

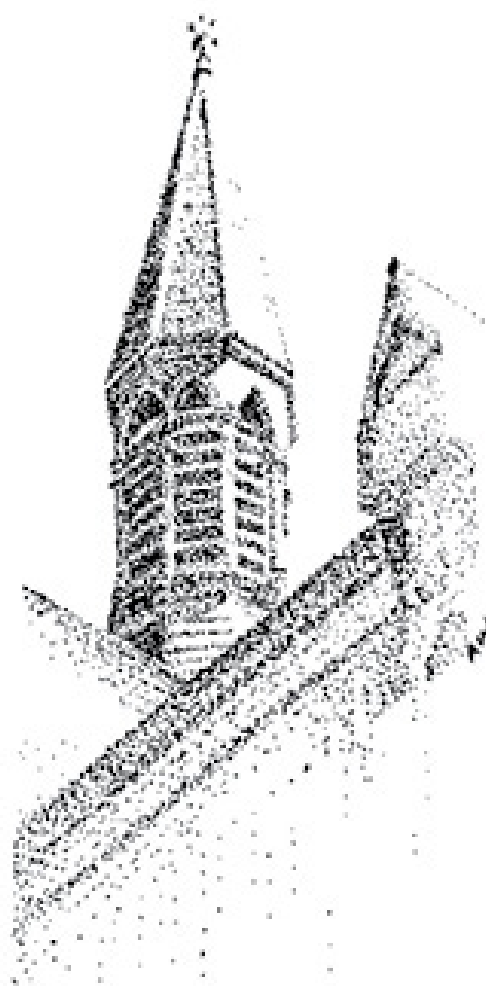
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Music: Jean Sibelius, 1865-1957, arr. © 1933, renewed 1961 Presbyterian
Board of Christian Education

FINLANDIA
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P E A C E

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.



Spirit of Life

123

$\text{♩} = 56$ *Unison*

Spir - it of Life, come un-to me. Sing in my

heart all the stir-rings of com - pas - sion. Blow in the

wind, rise in the sea; move in the hand, giv-ing

life the shape of jus-tice. Roots hold me close; wings set me

free; Spir - it of Life, come to me, come to me.

⊕ Words & music: Carolyn McDade, 1935- , © 1981 Carolyn McDade,
 ⊕ harmony by Grace Lewis-McLaren, 1939- , © 1992 Unitarian Universalist
 Association

SPirit of LIfe
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LOVE AND COMPASSION

TODAY!

GLOBAL CONVERSATIONS

Persistent, Brave Resistance by Iran's Women Prisoners

August 25, 12:30pm in TSK Room/Zoom

This webinar is organized by UUSF Global Conversations and the International Emergency Campaign to Free Iran's Political Prisoners Now (IEC).

More about this event: Last fall, 9 political prisoners wrote a letter from Evin Prison in Tehran warning, "If this war [on Gaza] widens, it could give [the regime] a pretext to use even more violence to suppress protesters, political prisoners, workers' movements, women, students, religious minorities such as the Bahá'í community, and even to extend their attacks against the "Woman, Life, Freedom" movement." This, in fact, is what is rapidly unfolding. Speakers (TBA) from diverse viewpoints will speak on how we can be part of bringing forward another way in the interest of humanity against the false choice of siding with one or the other reactionary regimes, whether the US/Israel or Iran. They will explore why and how it is more urgent than ever for a global grassroots movement to stand with Iran's courageous political prisoners, especially the actions of the heroic women in Evin Prison, who have continued to risk life and limb to repeatedly hold hunger strikes and sit-ins to protest executions, especially those targeting women activists and ethnic minorities.

Zoom Link: https://bit.ly/20240825_GC

This webinar is organized by UUSF Global Conversations and the International Emergency Campaign to Free Iran's Political Prisoners Now (IEC). Doors open at 12:15 pm. Lunch available.

SUMMER SUNDAYS - CONNECTION & CARE

Coffee Hour in the Courtyard after Church!

Come get a cup of coffee or tea and engage in lively conversation in the courtyard after the service. Don't miss out on the opportunity to learn more about voting rights and how you can make a difference. Plus, take some time to appreciate the beautiful artwork on display in the King Rooms.

Summer Care for Preschool and Nursery Children

Throughout the summer, there will be care for our preschool and nursery children every Sunday in 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 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

UUSF Garden Party Auction Get Involved and Donate for a Good Cause!

The UUSF Garden Party Auction will take place on Sunday, October 20 at 12:30 pm. Tickets are available for the online auction, set to open in mid-September. The event will feature food, music, and entertainment. The Auction Committee is currently in place, and no prior experience is required. Donations can be made to Fund-A-Need in advance of the live auction, which will fund the "UU the Vote" trip to Arizona for voter education and support the recruitment of a future ministerial intern at UUSF.

For more information, contact Cheryl Deaner (cdd.mft@gmail.com) or Gino Fortunato (yospikeo@yahoo.com). Click the link: <https://rb.gy/0k5d4m> or scan the QR code to donate or buy tickets!



Soul Matters Groups - Small Group Ministry

One of the ways to build connections at UUSF is through our small group ministry program. This year, these groups will follow the monthly themes we will engage throughout the year. The groups meet twice a month and are led by a trained facilitator. If you are interested, click the link (<https://rb.gy/vmvuqa>) or scan the QR code to learn more and register. If you have questions, then contact Rev. Laura Shennum at lshennum@uusf.org.



Join UU Phoenix in Arizona for Door-to-Door Canvassing and Poll-Watching Before the November Election.

UU Phoenix is inviting a team to participate in door-to-door canvassing and poll-watching efforts in Arizona before the November election. The team is requesting a minimum 5-day commitment between October 25th and November 4th. Donors can support UU the Vote activities and potentially kick off the annual auction's Fund-a-Need segment. To help with travel expenses, visit <https://bit.ly/uusfpayments>, and select "AZ Canvass" for the vote. You can also donate stamps or money for postage at the table in the church gallery on Sunday. Letter writers are encouraged to continue their excellent work and can pick up letter templates and envelopes. Donations can be made at the church gallery table, open every Sunday before and after the service until mid-October. For further inquiries, visit the Sunday table or email cal.f.ball@gmail.com.

Newcomer Orientation - Sunday, September 8, 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)

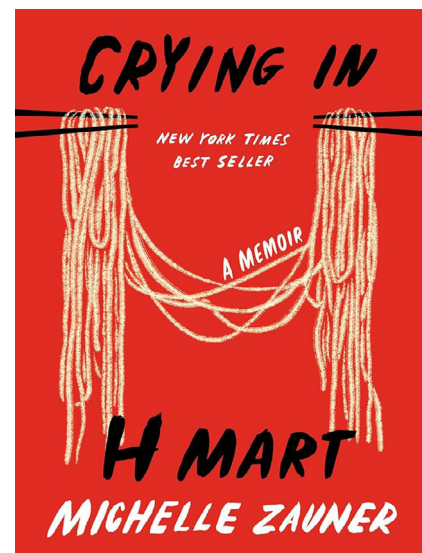
Minister's Book Group: Wednesday, August 28, 6:30 to 8pm, Zoom

Crying in H Mart by Michelle Zauner

All are welcome to join the Minister's Book Group, an on-line gathering in which we read a book our Senior Minister, Vanessa Southern, chooses (often before she has read it!). Designed to provoke conversation about our lives and values, enter into the voice and experience of writers and thinkers we can learn from, and chew on both fiction and non-fiction, gathering wisdom from among us!

In August we dive into Michelle Zauner's book *Crying in H Mart*. Zauner is known to many as the head of indie rock band Japanese Breakfast. Zauner writes this acclaimed memoir that begins with her growing up as one of the few Asian American kids at her school in Eugene, Oregon, includes the rich summer months spent with her grandmother in Seoul, Korea and onto her young adulthood going to college and exploring her music career, and waking up to a sense of loss and yearning about her Korean identity. Let's dive into Zauner's journey to inform our own. Maybe we'll even do a road trip to H Mart later that week!

Register: <https://bit.ly/mbg2024>



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 Practice: Small Groups"
Sunday, August 18, 2024, 10:50 am



Scan the QR code ↑ to
visit our UUSF Media
YouTube channel and
view upcoming and
previously recorded
services.