

"From a Wave to a Welcome: Invitation as a Spiritual Practice"

Sunday, September 22, 2024, 10:50 am

First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco





Order of Service
Sunday September 22, 2024
10:50 AM - 12:15 PM

Livestreamed at bit.ly/uusfmedia

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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.

Stay Engaged: Explore Our Busy Hand Activity Station!

Did you know we have a busy hand activity station at the back of the sanctuary for all ages?

You can find fidget toys, coloring, and so much more.

Check it out if you need something to keep your hands busy during the service.

Please return items before you leave the sanctuary.

Prelude *Where Charity and Love Abound*
Wondrous Love

UBI CARITAS/James Aylward
Early American Folk Hymn/arr. Dale Wood
Reiko Oda Lane, organist

Opening Words and Welcome

Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of Congregational Life

Unison Chalice Lighting

Mari Magaloni Ramos, Worship Associate

Encendemos este cáliz para la luz de la verdad,
el calor del amor, y el fuego del compromiso.
Encendemos este símbolo de nuestra fe mientras nos reunimos.

*Hymn

Come, Come Whoever you Are

Brief Invitations

Linda Enger, Trustee

Greeting One Another

Story for All Ages “Mullah Nasruddin Feeds His Coat”

Rev. Laura Shennum

Unison Covenant

Kate Steinberg, Ministerial Intern

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

Richard Davis-Lowell

Music *I Dream a World*

words Langston Hughes; music Dwight Bigler
UUSF Choir, Mark Sumner, director; Wm. García Ganz, pianist

*I dream a world where one, no other one will scorn,
Where love will bless the earth and peace its paths adorn
I dream a world where all will know sweet freedom's way,
Where greed no longer saps the soul nor avarice blights our day.
A world I dream where black or white, whatever race you be,
Will share the bounties of the earth and every one is free,
Where wretchedness will hang its head and joy, like a pearl,
Attends the needs of all humankind-of such I dream, my world!*

**Children/youth exit to classes during doxology.

[Worship leader]: To all who are yearning for community,

[Right side of sanctuary]: Come in.

[Left side of sanctuary]: *Be among us.*

[Worship leader]: To all who are just getting started,

To all who long to go deeper,

To all with tender places needing care,

[Left side of sanctuary]: *Come in.*

[Right side of sanctuary]: Be among us.

[Worship leader]: To the ones who have healed and have care to give,

For those who are curious and hungry to learn,

For those who know that they have something to teach,

[Right side of sanctuary]: Come in.

[Left side of sanctuary]: *Be among us.*

For the ones who are beginning to nurture others' becoming,

To the young and the old, the innocent and the jaded, the fresh of mind and the deeply-steeped,

There is room here for each and every one.

All: Come in. Be among us.

Offering

Richard Davis-Lowell

The offering today goes to support the work and ministries of the **Faithful Fools**. [More info on page 5](#). 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, 09-22-24.



Offertory Music *How Deep is Your Love*

Barry, Maurice and Robin Gibb

UUSF Choir, Mark Sumner, director; Wm. García Ganz, pianist; Jon Silk, drummer

Sermon "From a Wave to a Welcome:
Invitation as a Spiritual Practice"

Kate Steinberg

*Hymn 1008

When Our Heart is In a Holy Place

Joyce Poley

[\(CLICK HERE OR TURN TO PAGES 6-8 TO VIEW HYMN\)](#)

Benediction

Kate Steinberg

*Please rise in body or spirit.

PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leaders

Kate Steinberg, Ministerial Intern
Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of Congregational Life
Mari Magaloni Ramos, Worship Associate
Richard Davis - Lowell, Worship Associate
Linda Enger, Trustee

Sunday Support

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

Musicians

Reiko Oda Lane, Organist
UUSF Choir
Mark Sumner, Music Director
Jon Silk, drummer
Wm. García Ganz, Pianist

OFFERTORY

The offering today goes to support the work and ministries of the **Faithful Fools**, honoring the vision of co-founder, Rev. Kay Jorgensen, who was a social justice minister of this congregation, and the shared commitment of UUSF and Faithful Fools for over 25 years. To learn more go to www.faithfulfools.org

ABOUT

Kate Steinberg (she/her) is the 2024-25 ministerial intern at UUSF. A candidate for ministry with the UUA, Kate is a third-year Master of Divinity student at the Pacific School of Religion. Raised in the Episcopalian tradition, Kate found her spiritual home in the pluralist context of Unitarian Universalism. She is pursuing ministry and chaplaincy after repeated calls to anti-racist initiatives, volunteering in hospice, and a variety of roles in her home congregation. In 2023, Kate completed her first unit of Clinical Pastoral Education and served as an on-call hospital chaplain in the Northwestern Medicine system. Kate joins us from the Chicago area, where she shares a home with her partner and pup.

1008 When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place

♩ = 88



Chorus

When our heart is in — a ho-ly place, When our

The first line of the chorus features a vocal melody on a treble staff and a piano accompaniment on a grand staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are "When our heart is in — a ho-ly place, When our". Above the staff, the chords E-flat, B-flat, A-flat, and E-flat are indicated.

heart is in a ho-ly place We are bless'd with love — and a-

The second line of the chorus continues the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are "heart is in a ho-ly place We are bless'd with love — and a-". Above the staff, the chords A-flat, F minor, B-flat, E-flat, and B-flat are indicated.

⊕ Words & music: Joyce Poley, 1941 - , © 1996 Songstyle Music (SOCAN),
keyboard arr. Lorne Kellett, 1950 -

When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place - 3

A^b B^b G C m

see our fa - ces in each oth - er's eyes, -
 hear our voi - ces in each oth - er's words, -
 feel the pow - er of each oth - er's faith, -

A^b $A^b m$ E^b

Then our heart is in a ho - ly place. When our
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Coda E^b A^b $A^b m$ E^b

place. When our heart is in a ho - ly place.

When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place - 2

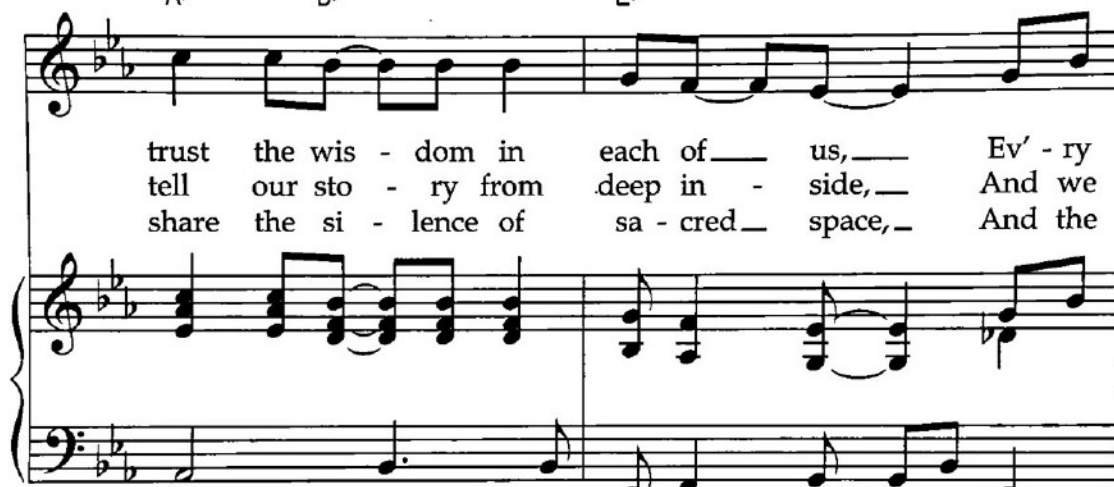
Ab Eb Ab Abm Eb

Last time to Coda 



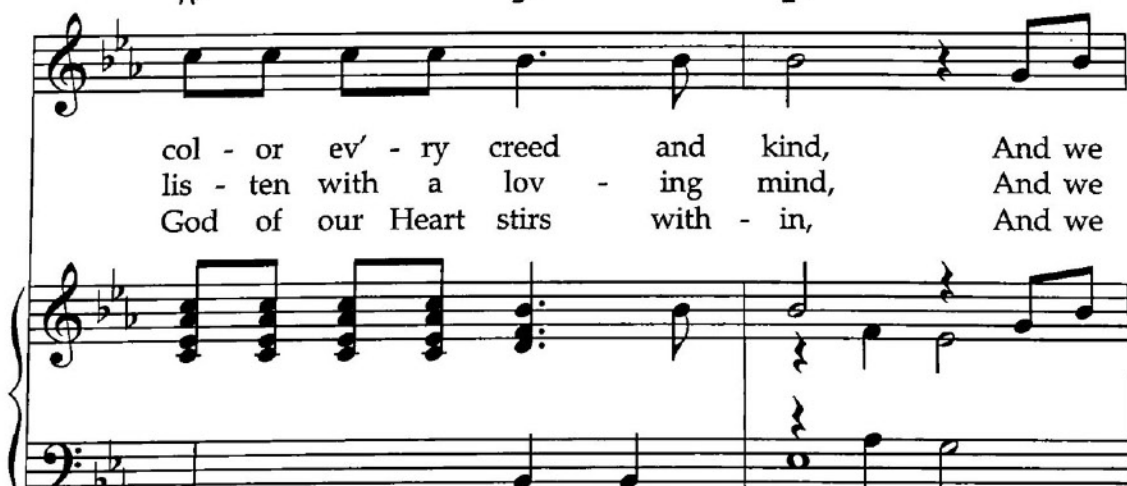
maz - ing grace,—When our heart is in a ho - ly place When we

Ab Bb Eb



trust the wis - dom in each of — us, — Ev' - ry
tell our sto - ry from deep in - side, — And we
share the si - lence of sa - cred — space, — And the

Ab Bb Eb



col - or ev' - ry creed and kind, And we
lis - ten with a lov - ing mind, And we
God of our Heart stirs with - in, And we

A!

TODAY!

Postcards to Hitler: Defiance in Terror - Forum with Bruce Neuburger on Sun, Sept. 22, 9:30 am, TSK Room/Zoom

Marty Vanderlaan in conversation with author **Bruce Neuburger**. An intimate history of the Holocaust, drawn from the final days of a Jewish family in Munich Postcards to Hitler tells the story of a Jewish family in Munich living as close neighbors to the demagogue who becomes the Nazi Führer. A light breakfast will be available beginning at 9:00 a.m. Zoom link at <https://t.ly/20240922Forum>

Up On Top Luncheon & Starr King Way Performance Series Concert - TODAY AFTER CHURCH!!

Join us for an Up On Top Appreciation Lunch at 12:30 pm, followed by the Starr King Way Performance Series (SKWPS) concert at 1:30 pm, featuring the award-winning duo Wagner and Kong.

Up On Top, an afterschool program serving kindergarten through fifth-grade kids from the Tenderloin and Western Addition, invites you to join us for lunch after service. Over two decades ago, UUSF members founded Up On Top, which continues to receive significant support from both the church and individual church members. Meet some of our families, our executive director, and board members, and then enjoy a delicious catered meal.

Then head over to the **Starr King Way Performance Series (SKWPS)**, which features **Christoph Wagner** (cello) and **Joanne Kong** (piano) in the Sanctuary for fantastic music. We will ask a suggested donation of \$20 for entry to the 60-minute concert.

Soul Matters: Craft the Theme Small Group - Sunday, September 22, 1:00-3:00 pm, Art Room

Come engage in a small group process with craft materials and express what the theme means to you. This small group does not require a full year commitment. You are welcome to bring your own supplies, and supplies will be provided. To register go to <https://uusf.org/#soul-matters>

Silent Auction Bidding Opens Today! - Auction Committee Meeting at 12:30 pm in the Fireside Room

From this Sunday, September 22, until 2 p.m., October 20, during the live auction and garden party, you can bid on silent auction items at <https://t.ly/uuauction2024> or go to <https://www.uusf.org/auction>. Great donations are available at a variety of price points. Indeed, there is something for everyone! If you'd like to be a part of this fun day in advance, please join us at the Auction Committee at 12:30 pm Sunday, the 22 in the Fireside Room. We welcome everyone, and no prior experience is required. Light refreshments will be served.

DONATE WINE FOR A GOOD CAUSE! - QUALITY BOTTLES OF WINE DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THE AUCTION!!

We need your wine bottle donations in order to create cases of wine to auction off at this year's auction. Please consider donating a \$20+ bottle of wine to support this major fundraising event for the UUSF! You can drop off your bottles of wine at the front desk at church during the week or at the Auction table in the Gallery on Sundays. For additional information, contact **Thad Smith** at 630smith@gmail.com.

UU The Vote - Join our nonpartisan work encouraging swing state voters from marginalized, underserved communities to make their voices heard.

National phone banking: every Tuesday through October. Go to (<https://uuthevote.org/get-involved/>).

Letter writing parties: details in the Flame at <https://www.uusf.org/flame> or visit the table in the gallery any Sunday through October 13th.

Donations for stamps and to support canvassing/poll watching in Arizona: at the gallery table or through the church website (bit.ly/uusfpayments), specify the cause.

Together we will make a difference!

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

20s & 30s: Spiritual Discussion Group—Online Tuesday, September 24th, 6:30 pm–8:00 pm

Join the 20s & 30s Spiritual Discussion Group for a time of spiritual reflection and discussion, while building connections and community with peers. These sessions are drop-in and open to all aged 18-39, whether you are brand new to Unitarian Universalism or a longtime friend at UUSF. While all sessions will follow the monthly Soul Matters theme, each session will explore different content, reflections, and questions. So you are welcome to attend both the in-person and online sessions each month. Our next session will take place on Zoom. To join the online session, click the link below to join the Zoom call (meeting passcode is 842457). Questions? Email Emma Wakeling at ewakeling@uusf.org.

We Don't Need No Stinkin' Fascism! Writers' Hopes for Humanity. - Sunday, September 29, 12:30 pm, TSK/Zoom

Unitarian Universalists of S.F. Writers and UUSF Arts in Ministry & Shared Life Initiative are hosting a literary festival on September 29, titled "We Don't Need No Stinkin' Fascism!" The event will feature food, readings, theater, and music, with speakers and performers. To connect via Zoom go to <https://t.ly/sfwritersuusf>. To RSVP go to <https://t.ly/9-29-24-uusfwriters>

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

Creating Your Own Theology Three Part Series - First Set: Thursdays, October 3-24, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Rev. Laura Shennum's three-part series, "Creating Your Own Theology," will explore personal beliefs, systems, and integrating theology into communal theology, fostering deepening commitments in a covenantal faith community. To register go to <https://www.uusf.org/are>

California's Advanced Care Planning and End-of-Life Options - Sunday, October 13, 1:00-2:30 pm, TSK Room

On October 13, a volunteer from End-of-Life Choices California will discuss California's advanced care planning and end-of-life options. The event will cover topics such as sharing values and end-of-life wishes, legal end-of-life options, and resources provided by the organization. Additional workshops will be held on November 10 and January 19 to provide information on wills, trusts, memorial planning, and discussing decisions with loved ones. Questions can be asked at the end of the presentation. Questions? Contact Rev. Laura at lsennum@uusf.org.

Register for New UU Class - Sunday, October 27, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, Fireside Room

Revs. Vanessa Rush Southern and Laura Shennum offer New UU, an interactive class that offers a deeper understanding of Unitarian Universalism and our congregation. Taking the class is also one of the steps to becoming a member; however, everyone is welcome, no matter their interest in joining UUSF. To register go to <https://uusf.org/membership#newuu>

CHILDREN/YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Nursery/PreK assistant teacher is needed!

We are hiring for an Assistant Teacher in our Nursery/PreK classroom. This part-time non-exempt staff member reports to the Minister of Congregational Life. The Assistant Pre-K Teacher provides safe, welcoming, developmentally appropriate care for infants and toddlers (up to age 5) during Sunday morning services, and may include additional hours during other church activities, including but not limited to meetings, and special all-church events. Ensure a safe environment for children and allow parents to participate fully in church life.

To register go to <https://www.uusf.org/employment>

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>

**"Invitation to Participate in the
Democratic Process"**
Sunday, September 15, 2024, 10:50 am



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YouTube channel and
view upcoming and
previously recorded
services.