

# **"How Do We Lead?"**

Sunday, December 8, 2024, 10:50 am

First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco



**Order of Service**  
**Sunday December 8, 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.

**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.

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Prelude	<i>Veni Emmanuel</i> <i>There's a Song in the Air</i> <i>O Come, Little Children</i>	12th Century Plainsong/ Camil Van Hulse American Carol/ Wilbur Held German Carol/ Diane Bish Reiko Oda Lane, organist
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Opening Words and Welcome	Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister
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Unison Chalice Lighting	Courtney Young-Law
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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 No. 226

*People, Look East*

BESANÇON

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Call to Membership

Gino Fortunato & Emma Wakeling, Membership

Greeting

\*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.

Reading bell hooks (from All About Love)

Courtney Young-Law

Reflection

Ruth Grace Wong

Leadership Reflection Exercise

Courtney Young-Law

Offering

In the spirit of celebrating leadership, our offering this week will be given for the Exploring Leadership (EL) youth summer program (<https://t.ly/exploreleadership>). This program, run by Coro of Northern California trains high school students in things like critical thinking and goal setting, helping them acquire the skills to become effective facilitators and collaborators and preparing them for leadership aimed at positive and transformative change in their communities. [Go to page 5 to learn more.](#) To make a donation on Vanco ([bit.ly/uusfpayments](https://bit.ly/uusfpayments)), using the Donate Button on our website, or by scanning the QR code on page 4, please select the line for Special Sunday Offering. 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, **12-08-24**.



Offertory Music    *O Thou, the Central Orb*    Charles Wood  
UUSF Choir, Mark Sumner, director; Reiko Oda Lane, organist

Reflection    John Meliska

Meditation    Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

**In Words**

**In Silence...**

*During this time if you have lost someone close to you in the past year,  
we invite you to stand or raise your hand in silent witness.*

**In Music**

Reflection    Linda Enger

Anthem    *Let Thy Holy Presence*    Pavel Grigorievich Chesnokov  
UUSF Choir, Mark Sumner, director

Homily    "How Do We Lead?"    Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

\*Hymn No. 118    *This Little Light of Mine*    LATTIMER

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Invitations    Courtney Young-Law

\*Benediction & Extinguishing of the Chalice    Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

Postlude    *Noel Anciens*    Louis-Claude Daquin  
Reiko Oda Lane, organist

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\*Please rise in body or spirit.



# PARTICIPANTS

## **Worship Leaders**

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister  
Courtney Young-Law  
Ruth Grace Wong  
John Meliska  
Linda Enger  
Gino Fortunato & Emma Wakeling, Membership

## **Sunday Support**

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

## **Musicians**

Reiko Oda Lane, organist  
UUSF Choir  
Mark Sumner, director

# ABOUT

This service is created and led with our **Nominating & Leadership Develop Committee** -- the group charged at UUSF not just of identifying leaders but equipping and developing and celebrating their leadership. We welcome any and all who are interested in serving at UUSF to let your light shine and email us at [nomcom@uusf.org](mailto:nomcom@uusf.org). Are you looking for ways to get involved at UUSF? Want to help make a difference in our community? Check out our **UUSF Volunteer Dashboard** at <https://t.ly/volunteeruusf> to get involved and make a difference!

## Exploring Leadership Youth Program (EL)

Exploring Leadership (EL) is a transformative summer program that trains high school students to become active citizens and assume leadership roles in their communities. Through a set of Coro modules, the program increases Youth Fellows' abilities in critical thinking and goal setting, ultimately giving them the skills to become effective facilitators and collaborators for community change. The 2025 program will run from June 23rd – July 31st, 2025; Monday – Friday, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM in San Francisco.

Website: <https://t.ly/exploreleadership>

Join us next Sunday for our Hanging of the Greens Service! Come dressed in your comfiest clothes and get ready to sing and help decorate our church for the holiday season. It's a wonderful opportunity to spread cheer and create a festive atmosphere as we come together as a community.



## People, Look East

$\text{♩} = 54$

1. Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the  
 2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more  
 3. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more

crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are  
 seed is plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to  
 light the bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y

Peo-ple, look

a - ble, trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.  
 nour - ish, that in course the flower may flour - ish.  
 weath - er, bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.

east and sing to - day:

Peo-ple, look east: Love, the Guest, is on the way.  
 Love, the Rose, is on the way.  
 Peo-ple, look east: Love, the Star, is on the way.

Words: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965, used by perm. of David Higham Assoc. Ltd.  
 Music: Traditional French carol, harmony by Martin Shaw, 1875–1958, used by  
 perm. of Oxford University Press

BESANÇON  
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# This Little Light of Mine 118

$\text{♩} = 80$

1. This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine.  
 2. Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine.  
 3. Build - ing up a world, I'm gon-na let it shine.

Oh Oh

This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine.  
 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine.  
 Build - ing up a world, I'm gon-na let it shine.

Oh

This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine. Let it  
 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine. Let it  
 Build - ing up a world, I'm gon-na let it shine. Let it

Oh

shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Words & music: African American spiritual, c. 1750-1875,  
 harmony by Horace Clarence Boyer, 1935-

LATTIMER  
 Irregular

COMMITMENT AND ACTION

**TODAY!**



## UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

### **Poetry and Lunch with Robert Lavett Smith - Tuesday, December 10, noon to 12:30 pm on Zoom**

This is a Zoom gathering to reflect on our monthly theme poem for December with its author, our own member and friend, Robert Lavett Smith. If you haven't had a chance to reflect in a group, this is your chance. For others of you who have read it in your small groups, heard it as part of worship, or spent time with it on your own, here is a chance to bounce your mind, heart, and spirit through and up against it again and see how things change. Go <https://www.uusf.org/soulmatters> to read the poem, in case you haven't had a chance to sit with it! Join us on December 10th at Noon. No advance participation necessary.

To register go to <https://t.ly/poemandlunch1224>



# UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

**December Minister's Book Group - *On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century* by Timothy Snyder**  
**Wednesday, December 11, 6:30-8 PM (Zoom)**

This short book is already being quoted widely in our post-election world. Written in 2017 by Snyder, who is a professor of history at Yale and faculty advisor for the Fortunoff Video Archive for Holocaust Testimonies, Snyder takes his scholarship of nationalism, Marxism, political movements, and European and World War II history and distills what shows up when Tyranny is slouching its way toward our corner of the world. A small book (Vanessa promises a quick read), this book offers one framework for how to step into the new year in our corner of the emerging world order. Register: <https://t.ly/MBG122024>

**Festive Movie Night - Wednesday, December 11, 7 PM at UUSF**

To ring in the festive season, the 20s and 30s community will be getting together for a movie night! We'll create our own private cinema with a projector, twinkly lights, pizza, popcorn, and a film to get us into the festive spirit. We'll vote on which film to watch based on your seasonal recommendations! Use the registration form (<https://t.ly/2024MovieNight>) to RSVP and to share your favorite holiday movie(s), and let us know if you have any dietary restrictions.

**UUSF presents Standing Together: Palestinian & Israeli activists working together - Sat, Dec.14, 6:30 pm, TSK Room/Zoom**

Concerned about the situation in the West Bank and Gaza? Join us for an opportunity to listen to and connect with activists who are advocating for a peaceful future for both Palestinians and Israelis. Standing Together is a grassroots movement uniting Jewish and Palestinian citizens of Israel to advocate for peace, equality, and social justice against the occupation. By fostering collaboration among diverse communities, the movement aims to create a future of independence and justice for all in the region. Zoom: <https://t.ly/standingtogether2024>. Meeting ID: 941 6280 9870 Passcode: 472632

**Honor Your Loved Ones This Holiday Season with a Poinsettia Dedication!**

Please consider honoring a loved one by dedicating a poinsettia to our holiday display. We recommend a \$40 donation to sustain the sanctuary's floral arrangements throughout the year. Dedications will appear in the order of service on Tuesday, December 24. You may pay by check, and if there is a dedication, name it on the memo line. Alternatively, you may pay via the uusf.org payment donate button at <https://t.ly/uusfdonate>, but select the Sunday Flowers/Poinsettias line. You can enter the dedication online, but we recommend sending it via email to [jsilk@uusf.org](mailto:jsilk@uusf.org) by 6:00 pm Wednesday, December 18.

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

**If you're new, please familiarize yourself with the guidance and support available on Sundays below. If you have any questions, an usher, greeter, or member of staff will be happy to help.**

**COVID-19:** UUSF no longer requires masks indoors on our premises, following the lead of the San Francisco Department of Health. We do, however, encourage 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. If you feel unwell, please stay home and enjoy the service at home via livestream. ([bit.ly/uusfmedia](https://t.ly/uusfmedia))

**BUSY HANDS:** Explore our Busy Hands activity station located at the back of the sanctuary. You will find things like fidget toys and coloring for all ages to help you keep your hands busy during service. Please return items before leaving the sanctuary.

**Pets:** If you came with your pet, there is a pet-friendly section on the furthest section on the left toward the front of the sanctuary.

**HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICE:** We can provide hearing assistance devices for the service. These are with the ushers in the back of the sanctuary, who will help you get oriented and comfortable with one.

**CANDLES:** In Unitarian Universalism we light candles to recognize sacred time, honor loved ones, mark important life events, and more. If you have something on your mind for which you'd like to light a candle, you are invited to come forward and light one silently during service.

**SOCIAL HOUR:** Everyone is welcome and invited to join us at social hour after service. This is normally in the courtyard (when weather permits) or in our Thomas Starr King room at the end of the hallway outside of the sanctuary. Help yourself to beverages and snacks!

**Welcome to UUSF: Connect and Discover**

**NEW TO UUSF?** Complete a Connections form to receive our newsletter, which includes a link to the Order of Service and Sunday Livestream. If you're at UUSF in person, you can find a yellow connections card at the welcome table in the gallery outside the sanctuary or in a pew in front of you. You can also fill it out online at <https://bit.ly/uuconnections2024>.

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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.

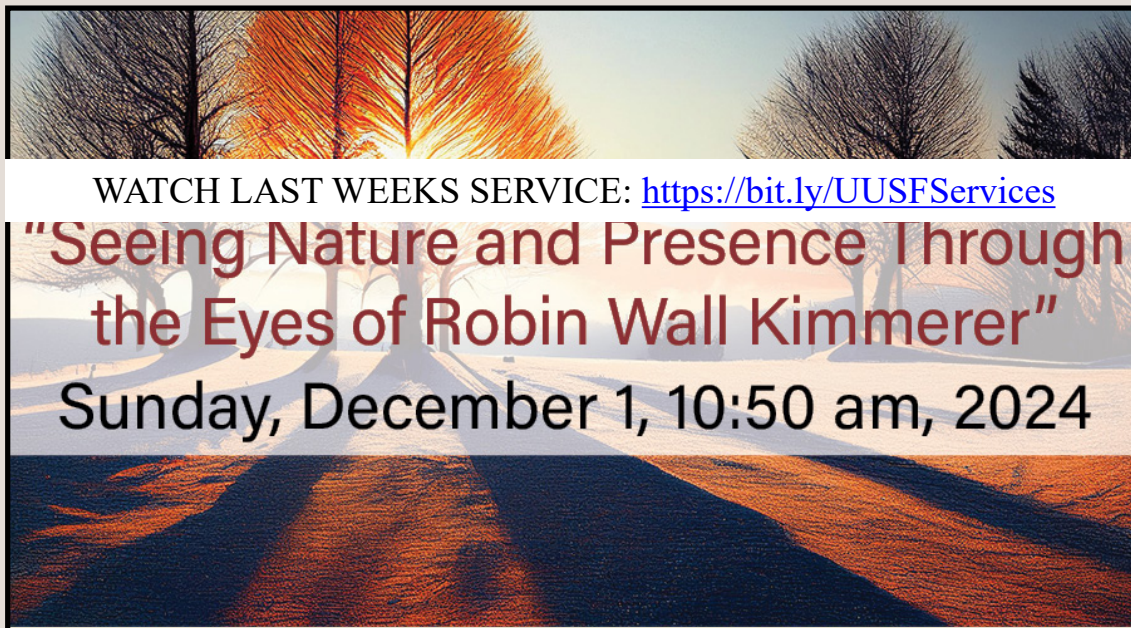
We welcome the newcomer, we commit to building trust with each other, we celebrate differences and make space for repair when harm occurs.

## 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>

**"Seeing Nature and Presence Through  
the Eyes of Robin Wall Kimmerer"**

**Sunday, December 1, 10:50 am, 2024**



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view upcoming and  
previously recorded  
services.