

"Story: Wine, Weddings, and a Coming Out"

Sunday, January 26, 2025, 10:50 am

First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco





Order of Service
Sunday January 26, 2025
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.

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	<i>Aria from Orchestral Suite No. 3, BWV 1068</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach
	<i>Sleepers Wake! A Voice is Calling BWV 645</i>	J S Bach
		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.

Greeting One Another

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*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

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

Daniel Jackoway, Worship Associate

Offering

Our offering this morning will be split between the **Human Rights Campaign** and their efforts to combat anti-trans legislation (<https://t.ly/fighting-anti-trans-politics>) and the **San Francisco Community Health Center** to support their Trans services (<https://t.ly/sfcommunityhealth>). Read more on page 5 or click [here](#). To make a donation on Vanco (<bit.ly/uusfpayments>), using the Donate Button on our website, or by scanning the QR code, 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, **01-26-25**.



Offertory Music For Good from *Wicked*

Stephen Schwartz, arr. Mac Huff

Morgen Warner; Maggie McGrann, soloists; UUSF choir,
Mark Sumner, director; Wm. García Ganz, pianist

Meditation

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

Reading John 2:1-11

Music *Hush* African-American spiritual, arr. Jason Shelton
UUSF choir, Mark Sumner, director; Jon Silk, drummer; Wm. García Ganz, pianist

Sermon "Story: Wine, Weddings, and a Coming Out" Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

*Hymn No. 1028 *Fire of Commitment* Jason Shelton

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Invitations Galen Workman, Moderator, Board of Trustees

*Benediction & Extinguishing of the Chalice

Postlude *Allegro Maestoso* from Suite No. 2, HWV 349 Georg Friedrich Handel
Reiko Oda Lane, organist

*Please rise in body or spirit.



PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leaders

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister
Daniel Jackoway, Worship Associate
Galen Workman, Moderator, Board of Trustees

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
Mark Sumner, Music Director
UUSF Choir
Morgen Warner & Maggie McGrann, soloists
Wm. García Ganz, pianist

Today's Offering: Two Recipients

Human Rights Campaign

San Francisco Community Health Center Wellness Clinic

Human Rights Campaign (HRC) is working tirelessly with our in-state partners to prevent these bills from becoming law. From testimony in state legislatures to lawsuits against discriminatory legislation, we're giving our all to protect transgender and non-binary people from hateful extremism. This is a cross-organizational effort with our advocates on the ground working alongside the HRC Foundation to ensure equality for transgender and non-binary people in all states.

More info can be found at <https://t.ly/fighting-anti-trans-politics>.

At our **San Francisco Community Health Center Wellness Clinic**, we provide a trans/GNC (Gender Non-Conforming) affirming environment that encourages patients to develop long-lasting relationships with our healthcare providers. We believe in providing respectful and culturally humbling care that supports your health goals. We know that the trans/GNC community often faces unique challenges, including discrimination, stigma, and inadequate access to healthcare. Our work not only addresses the specific health concerns of the trans/GNC community but also contributes to breaking down systemic barriers that result in inequities.

More info can be found at <https://t.ly/sfcommunityhealth>.

♩ = 56

* Em

For each child that's born, a morn- ing star ri - ses and

sings to the u - ni-verse who_ we are. For who_ we are.

We are_ our grand-moth-ers' prayers and we_ are our

*Note: Repeat this 4 measure chord pattern throughout the piece.

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We Are... - 2

grand - fa - thers' dream - ings, we — are the
breath of our an - ces - tors, we — are the spir - it of God. We are
moth - ers of cour - age and fa - thers of time, we are
daugh - ters of dust and the sons of great vi - sions, we're

The musical score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand. The vocal line is written in a single treble clef staff.

We Are... - 3

sis- ters of mer- cy and broth- ers of love, we are

lov- ers of life and the build- ers of na- tions, we're seek- ers of truth and

keep- ers of faith, we are mak- ers of peace and the wis- dom of a - ges.

We are — our grand- moth- ers' prayers and we — are our

We Are... - 4

grand - fa - thers' dream - ings, we _____ are the

breath of our an - ces - tors, we _____ are the spir - it of God. For

each child that's born, a morn - ing star ri - ses and

sings to the u - ni - verse who _____ we are. For who _____ we are.

1028 The Fire of Commitment

With joy and energy ♩ = 150

Chord progression for the piano introduction: Eb, Bb/D, Cm7, Eb/Bb, Ab, Bb. The music is in 4/4 time and features a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes in the right hand and quarter notes in the left hand.

Chord progression: Eb, Ab/Bb, Eb, Bb/D, Cm7, Bb. The vocal line includes three verses of lyrics. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

1. From the light of days re - mem - bered burns a
 (2. From the) stor - ies of our liv - ing rings a
 (3. From the) dreams of youth - ful vis - ion comes a

Chord progression: Ab, Eb/G, Fm7, Bb, Eb, Bb/D. The vocal line continues with lyrics. The piano accompaniment maintains the same rhythmic and harmonic style as the previous section.

bea - con bright and clear Guid - ing hands and hearts and
 song both brave and free Call - ing pil - grims still to
 new, pro - phet - ic voice Which de - mands a deep - er

Note: The use of percussion is highly recommended.

⊕ Words: Mary Katherine Morn, 1961 - and Jason Shelton, 1972 -

⊕ Music: Jason Shelton, 1972 - , © 2001 Jason Shelton

FIRE OF COMMITMENT, 8.7.8.7 with refrain

Cm7 Eb/Bb Db Ab Bb_{sus} Bb Ab Bb

spir - its In - to faith set free from fear.
 wit - ness to the life of lib - er - ty When the
 jus - tice built by our cour - a - geous choice

Cm Bb Ab Eb/G Fm7 Eb/G

fire of com - mit - ment sets our mind and soul a -

Ab Bb_{sus} Bb Cm Eb/G Ab Eb

blaze When our hun - ger and our pas - sion meet to

Db Ab Bb_{sus} Bb Bb7 Cm Bb

call us on our way When we live with deep as -

Ab Eb/G Fm7 Eb/G Ab Bb^{sus} Bb

sur - ance of the flame that burns with - in Then our

Cm Eb/G Ab Eb/G Fm7 Bb Bb^{sus}

pro - mise finds ful - fill - ment and our fu - ture can be -

Eb Bb/D Cm7 Eb/Bb Ab Bb

gin.

1, 2 Eb Ab/Bb 3 Eb(add9)

2. From the
3. From the

TODAY!

Prospects for Restraining Militarism in U.S. Foreign Policy with Norman Solomon

Sunday Forum, January 26, 9:30 am, TSK Room and on Zoom. A light breakfast will be available beginning at 9:00 a.m.

More than two decades after the U.S. invasion of Iraq, the U.S. remains deeply involved in military actions across the Middle East, including missile strikes and extensive arms support for Israel. Norman Solomon will address the ongoing "madness of militarism," as described by Martin Luther King Jr., highlighting how U.S. media and political actions have contributed to the intensification of ethnic cleansing in Palestine and the genocide in Gaza, funded by American taxpayers. He will also evaluate the potential for reducing militarism in U.S. foreign policy in the coming years. Solomon, the national director of RootsAction.org and executive director of the Institute for Public Accuracy, has recently published a paperback edition of his book, *War Made Invisible*, which discusses the human costs of U.S. military actions, including an afterword on Gaza.

Zoom Link: <https://t.ly/20250126UUForum>

Social Justice Town Hall

Sunday, January 26, 12:30 pm, TSK Room/Zoom. A light lunch will be available.

Members will come together to see where there is energy to plan, protest, and recharge ourselves during these stressful times. We will help people get together and start organizing their vigilance and actions. The Town Hall will begin with a discussion of two Resolutions of Immediate Witness, which the Congregation will vote on next Sunday. A light lunch will be available. Link to Zoom: <https://t.ly/townhalljan26>. You can phone in at +1 408 638 0968. Meeting ID: 812 7841 1397. Please come to the Town Hall this Sunday, and please participate in the Special Voting Meeting of the Membership next Sunday, February 2 after the service.

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

Black, Indigenous, & People Of Color Group - Sundays, February 2 from 9:30-10:50 am, Stebbins Room

Join us for a conversation and community-building event open to anyone who identifies as Black, Indigenous, or a person of color (BIPOC). Meetings are held via Zoom and in person in the Stebbins Room on the first Sunday of each month, typically from 9:30 to 10:50 am. To receive information about the next meeting or to be added to the mailing list, please email bipoc@uusf.org.

The Long and Bitter, but Beautiful, Struggle for a New World with Nell Myhand

Sunday Forum, February 2, 9:30 am, TSK Room and on Zoom. A light breakfast will be available beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Join us for an interactive presentation focused on the Poor People's Campaign's efforts to combat systemic racism and White Christian Nationalism. Nell Myhand, an Oakland-based organizer and co-chair of the California PPC, works to elevate the voices of low/no wealth individuals and advocate for essential resources like housing, education, healthcare, and a sustainable climate. More info at <https://www.uusf.org/forum>

New to this community? New to Unitarian Universalism? - Sunday, February 2, 12:30 pm, Fireside Room

Newcomers are welcome to join us after the service to meet some of our members and learn more about our congregation and Unitarian Universalism. It's a great chance to meet other folks in the community, ask any questions you might have, and find out how to get involved in our programs and ministries. Free childcare is available to attendees who need it. We look forward to meeting you!

Our first Starr King Way Performance Series (SKWPS) performance of 2025 is happening next Sunday!

Featuring Andrew Finn Magill - February 2, 1:30 pm, Sanctuary



North Carolina violinist/fiddler Andrew Finn Magill (<https://andrewfinnmagill.com/>) is a Fulbright Fellow, North Carolina Arts Council Fellow, All-Ireland fiddle finalist, and 2024 Seifert jazz violin finalist in Poland. Magill's solo show is one violinist's global journey through many musical traditions and soundscapes, including a year in Malawi and two years in Brazil, among other places. This journey has been enabled by a constellation of grants and a commitment to connection with other people through the common language of music. More info can be found at <https://www.uusf.org/skwps>

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

Sensible Cinema is hosting a screening of the documentary 'Small is Beautiful' by Carolyn M. Scott Sunday, February 9 at 12:30 pm in the TSK Room

The movie will be followed by a discussion with the director Carolyn M. Scott and former San Francisco Planning Commission VP Dennis Richards. The film addresses the controversial development proposal for the Sonoma Developmental Center, which threatens a vital wildlife corridor and poses risks in a high fire zone, while also critiquing broader urban developments and housing mandates that undermine local regulations. Lunch will be available for a nominal fee. MORE INFO: <https://www.uusf.org/cinema>

Join Us in Making a Difference: Volunteer for the Interfaith Winter Shelter from Feb 10 to March 3

Volunteer now for the Interfaith Winter Shelter at UUSF from Feb 10 to March 3. A joint effort of the San Francisco Interfaith Counsel, each year from mid-February to early March, our church hosts up to 70 unhoused folks and provides meals. You can sign up here to help cook and serve breakfast, cook and serve dinner, or be a host liaison for guest organizations that are cooking dinner. It's a wonderful way to serve our neighbors and connect with our Unitarian community. Sign up for multiple slots and feel free to bring friends! Children aged 8 and up are welcome with supervision. Younger children, please inquire. Sign up at <https://www.uusf.org/shelter>. You can also visit us at a table in the church gallery after the Sunday service. Questions? Email us at wintershelte@uusf.org.

If you are a young adult aged 18-39 and you'd like to volunteer to make dinner alongside the UUSF young adult community on Thursday, February 13, please fill out this form (<https://t.ly/YAWinterShelter2025>) or contact Membership and Young Adult Manager Emma Wakeling at ewakeling@uusf.org.

Community Suppers on Wed. Feb 19 or Sat. Feb 22

Join us for Community Suppers on Wed. Feb 19 or Sat. Feb 22, where you can connect with others over a shared meal while discussing the theme 'the Practice of Inclusion.' Hosted by members in their homes, these gatherings typically feature soup and bread provided by hosts, with guests bringing salads and desserts. Choose to be a host or a guest, with some dinners being family-friendly and others adult-only.

Sign-up at <https://t.ly/communitysuppers>. Questions? Contact Membership & Young Adult Manager Emma Wakeling at ewakeling@uusf.org.

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.

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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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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>

"MLK"

Sunday, January 19, 10:50 am, 2025



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