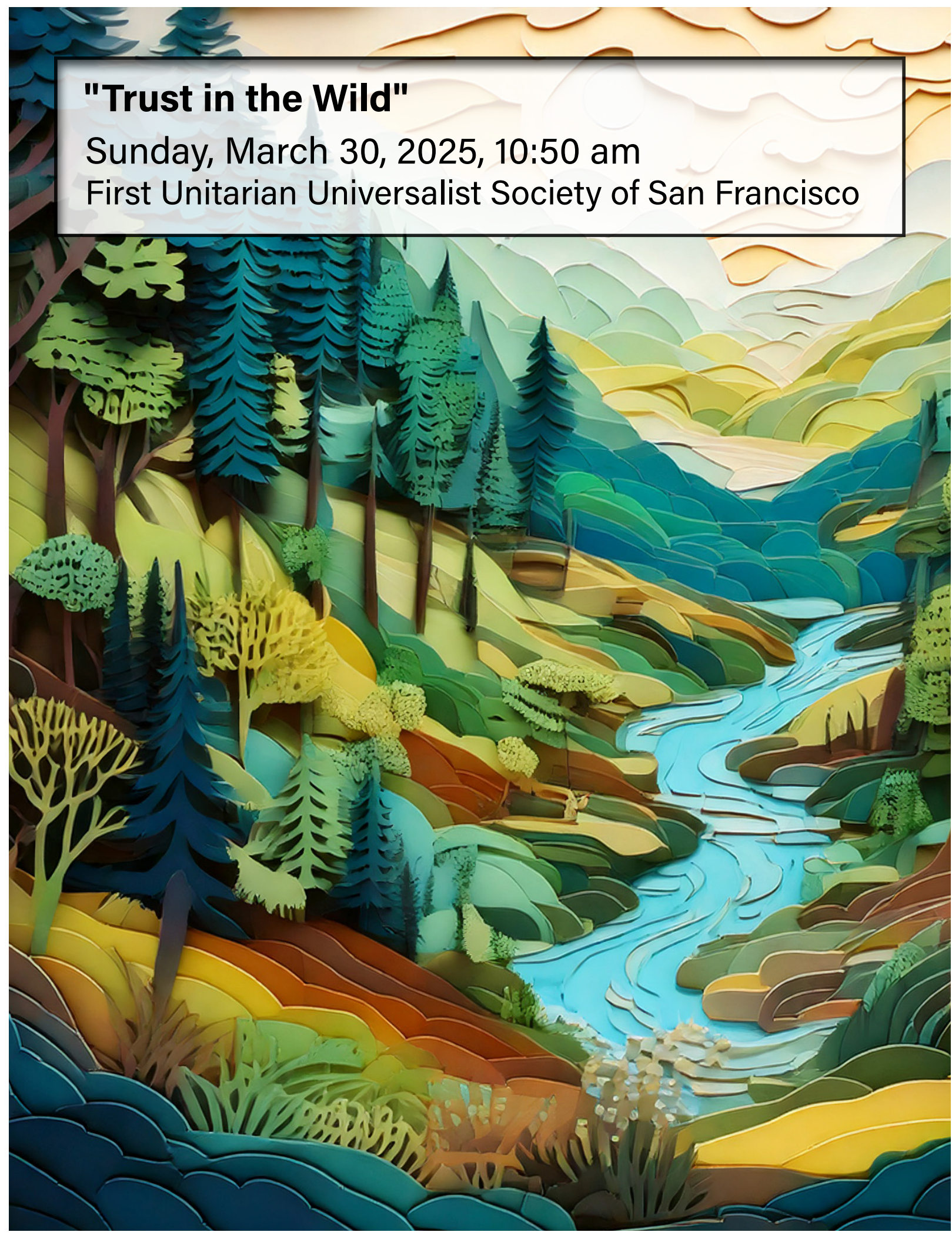


"Trust in the Wild"

Sunday, March 30, 2025, 10:50 am

First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco



Order of Service
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10:50 AM - 12:15 PM

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Welcome to Worship!

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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.
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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 *Ubi Caritas et Amor*
 Pour Light Upon Us

James Aylward
George Oldroyd
Reiko Oda Lane, organist

Opening Words and Welcome

Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of Congregational Life

Unison Chalice Lighting

Mari Magaloni Ramos, 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.

*Hymn 83

Winds Be Still

LEAD ME LORD

[\(CLICK HERE OR TURN TO PAGE 6 TO VIEW HYMN\)](#)

Stewardship Moment

David Jones

Greeting One Another

*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

Children/youth exit to classes during doxology.



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

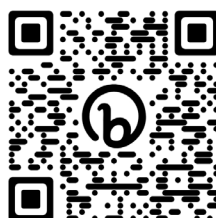
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ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue.
ca - da tie - rra, ca - da voz. A - men.

Reflection

Mari Magaloni Ramos

Offering

This morning's offering will go to **Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)**. MSF emphasizes the importance of unrestricted funds for rapid response to medical emergencies, especially following the recent 7.7 magnitude earthquake in central Myanmar, which has resulted in over 100 fatalities and numerous injuries. [More info 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, **03-30-25**.



PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leaders

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister
Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of Congregational Life
Mari Magaloni Ramos, Worship Associate
Lori Lai, Trustee
David Jones, Stewardship Moment
Mirjam and Harry Moren, Canvass Chairs

Sunday Support

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

Musicians

Reiko Oda Lane, organist
UUSF Choir
Mark Sumner, director
Wm. García Ganz, pianist

Our Journey to Safe Harbor

First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco | Annual Pledge Drive 2025-2026



UUSF Annual Operating Fund Pledge Drive for 2025-26

This week marks the end of our official Annual Canvass period. We are so grateful for all of you who have pledged so far, and it has been beautiful to see all the origami boats on our bulletin board. If you haven't made your pledge yet, please do so by going to <https://www.uusf.org/pledge>. In addition, we invite you to celebrate the canvass with us after this Sunday's service in the King Rooms. We will have festive drinks and snacks to support the collective Journey to Safe Harbor.

Learn more about the drive at the Pledge Table in the gallery, after worship.

To make your pledge go to <https://www.uusf.org/pledge>



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Winds Be Still

$\text{♩} = 56$

1. Winds be still. Storm clouds pass and si-lence come.
 2. Bird fly high. Lift our gaze toward dis-tant view.
 3. Light shine in. Lu - mi - nate our in-ward view.

Peace grace this time with har - mo - ny.
 Help us to sense life's mys - ter - y.
 Help us to see with clar - i - ty.

Fly, bird of hope, and shine, light of love, and in
 Fly high and far, and lead us each to see how we
 Shine bright and true so we may join our songs in new

calm let all find tran - quil - li - ty.
 move through the winds of e - ter - ni - ty.
 sounds that be - come full sym - pho - ny.

21 For the Beauty of the Earth

$\text{♩} = 112$

1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the splen - dor
 2. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and
 3. For the won - der of each hour of the day and
 4. For the joy of hu - man care, sis - ter, broth - er,

of the skies, for the love which from our birth
 mind's de - light, for the mys - tic har - mo - ny
 of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower,
 par - ent, child, for the kin - ship we all share,

o - ver and a - round us lies:
 link - ing sense to sound and sight: Source of all, to
 sun and moon and stars of light:
 for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:

thee we raise this, our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Words: Folliott Sandford Pierpoint, 1835–1917, adapt.
 Music: Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872, abridged

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 7.7.7.7.7.7.

PRAISE AND TRANSCENDENCE

TODAY!

United Against Deportations: Stand with Immigrants! - Sunday Forum, March 30, 9:30 am, TSK/Zoom
A light breakfast will be available beginning at 9:00 a.m. - Zoom: <https://t.ly/20250330UUForum>

Sanika Mahajan and Jesus Moctezuma will discuss the impact of the right wing's war on working-class people and the importance of solidarity with immigrants. The event aims to build a movement against mass deportations and address the systemic issues caused by the ultra-rich.

Flowers From a Painter's Garden Art Exhibit in the King Rooms - Artist's Reception March 30 at 12:30 pm
Get ready to be dazzled! Diane Devine's stunning art exhibition, "Flowers From a Painter's Garden," is blooming in the Kings Gallery until April 27. The artist's reception is on Sunday, March 30, at 12:30 pm in the King Rooms, and you are all invited!

Join the Celebration: UUSF's Passover Seder on April 18th! Sign up Today!

The UUSF annual Passover Seder, a celebration of liberation, tradition, and community feasting, is scheduled for April 18th, and everyone is invited to participate—you do not need to have a Jewish background, just a willingness to learn more. The event will include a potluck dinner featuring chicken, wine, and traditional Passover foods like matzo and matzo ball soup, and attendees are encouraged to volunteer for set-up and clean-up and to bring a dish to share. A suggested donation of \$10-20 is requested to cover costs, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds. For those interested in helping or learning more, please contact Mia Shackelford at miashackelford@gmail.com or speak with Rev. Vanessa Southern or Eric Shackelford after the service. You can also sign up online by going to <https://t.ly/passover-uusf>

Celebrate Trans Joy! - Today from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm at The Green Room. (401 Van Ness Ave, San Francisco).

Join us on Sunday, March 30th, for the annual Transgender Day of Visibility (TDOV) celebration at The Green Room, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. This free event will honor the achievements of transgender and gender non-conforming individuals, featuring an award ceremony, a dance party, and inclusive accessibility options, including translation services and ASL. Come together to celebrate trans joy and community!

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

Unleash Your Inner Creator: Dive into Experimental Theatre Magic at the Starr King Way Performance Series (SKWPS) on April 5th!

Join us for an enchanting evening of experimental theatre on Saturday, April 5, at 7:00 pm in the TSK Room. Experience a guided performance of a radio play by Bruce Clements, inspired by Noel Coward's "Brief Encounter," featuring a small cast with scripts, sound effects, and live music. Audience engagement will include individual assignments and discussions, followed by a second reading. Reservations are recommended, but spontaneous attendance is welcome; contact sngwtmc@gmail.com or text 415-309-0150 for scripts or reserved seats.

Forests Forever with Paul Hughes - Sunday Forum, April 6, 9:30 am, TSK/Zoom
A light breakfast will be available beginning at 9:00 a.m. - Zoom: <https://t.ly/20250406UUForum>

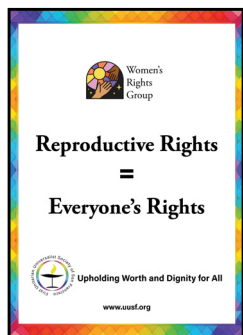
Forests Forever was established in 1989 during the Headwaters Forest issue in Humboldt County, leading to the preservation of 7500 acres of virgin redwood forest. Paul Hughes, the current Executive Director since 1993, has a background in conservation activism and journalism.

Black, Indigenous, & People Of Color Group - Sunday, April 6 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.

New to this community? New to Unitarian Universalism? - Sunday, April 6, 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!



Celebrate UUSF's commitment to reproductive rights with a new banner!

Sunday, April 6, 12:25 pm - Zoom: <https://t.ly/WRGEvent>

Join the UUSF Women's Rights Group on Sunday, April 6, to celebrate being "All IN" for reproductive rights with a group photo under a new banner at the UUSF Sanctuary North Wall at 12:25 pm, followed by a light lunch and discussion in the TSK Room at 12:45 pm (also available via Zoom). This event highlights the importance of reproductive rights, which encompass the right to have children and the right not to have children, and addresses the challenges posed by the erosion of moral agency and bodily autonomy. Everyone is affected by these issues, regardless of their background, and this gathering offers a chance to unite and advocate for comprehensive reproductive health care and support for all. You are warmly invited to participate and show solidarity with those facing threats to their reproductive rights.

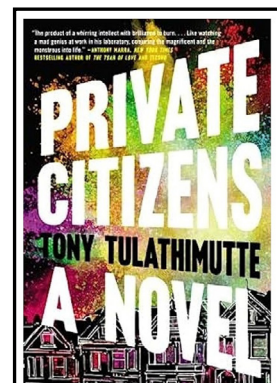
Faithful Fools Once in a Fool Moon Event - Saturday, April 12, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, King Rooms

Join us for a joyful party filled with dancing, singing, and games starting at 6pm, with food and costumes available. A suggested donation of \$75 per person is appreciated, but all are welcome regardless of resources. For more info and to RSVP go to <https://www.faithfulfools>.

April Minister's Book Group: Private Citizens by Tony Tulathimutte

Wednesday, April 23, 6:30-8:00 pm (Zoom) - Led by Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

The theme of the month is "Joy," and this is one of the books that the NYTimes chose as the "22 Funniest Novels," so here we go. Written in 2016, the Times says the book, "is about millennial friends in pre-2008-crash San Francisco, thrums with Tulathimutte's sly intelligence and unerring comic timing." Tulathimutte got a graduate degree from Stanford, lived for a while in Noe Valley, and so we wonder: Do the characters sound familiar? Can we laugh at what is close to home? As well as what does humor have to teach us about ourselves, and how does joy change the day? **More info and to register:** <https://uusf.org/are#mbg>



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.

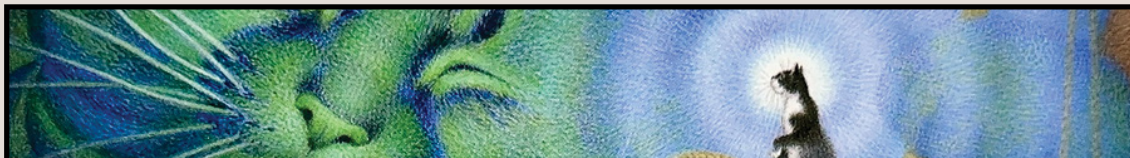
We welcome the newcomer, we commit to building trust with each other, we celebrate differences and make space for repair when harm occurs.

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/>



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"Trusting In Community"

Sunday, March 23, 10:50 am, 2025



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