

# **"What Does Resurrection Look Like?"**

Sunday, April 20, 2025, 10:50 am

First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco



**Order of Service**  
**Easter Sunday April 20, 2025**  
**10:50 AM - 12:15 PM**

Livestreamed at [bit.ly/uusfmedia](https://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.

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Prelude      Fantasia in G Minor, BWV542  
                 *Prelude to a Te Deum*

Johann Sebastian Bach  
Marc Antoine Charpentier  
Reiko Oda Lane, organist

Opening Words and Welcome

Mari Magaloni Ramos, 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 361

*Enter, Rejoice, and Come In*

REJOICE

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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

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

Mari Magaloni Ramos

## Offering

This morning's offering will go towards UUSF's **Minister's Discretionary Fund**. The minister's discretionary fund allows the ministers to help the congregation and people in the wider community to meet a challenging situation with resources that are not available in any other way. It could be gas money, food, help with visiting an ailing member of the community, or many other needs that come up suddenly. Your spirit of generosity makes our love for the world tangible. To make a donation on Vanco ([bit.ly/uusfpayments](http://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, **04-20-25**.



Offertory Music *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

Johann Sebastian Bach

UUSF Choir; Mark Sumner, director; Reiko Oda Lane, organist

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**

Music Christ lag in Todesbanden, BWV 4, verse 4

Bach

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

*Es war ein wunderlicher Krieg, Da Tod und Leben rungen,  
Das Leben behielt den Sieg, Es hat den Tod verschlungen.  
Die Schrift hat verkündigt das, Wie ein Tod den andern fraß,  
Ein Spott aus dem Tod ist worden.  
Halleluja!*

*It was a strange battle where death and life struggled.  
Life won the victory, it has swallowed up death  
Scripture has proclaimed how one death ate the other,  
Death has become a mockery.  
Alleluia!*

Sermon "What Does Resurrection Look Like?"

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

\*Hymn 61

*Lo, the Earth Awakes Again*

EASTER HYMN

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Brief Invitations

\*Benediction & Extinguishing of the Chalice

Postlude *Festival Toccata*

Percy Fletcher

Reiko Oda Lane, organist

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\*Please rise in body or spirit.





# PARTICIPANTS

## **Worship Leaders**

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister  
Mari Magaloni Ramos, Worship Associate

## **Sunday Support**

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

## **Musicians**

Reiko Oda Lane, organist & Bell Choir director  
UUSF Bell Choir  
UUSF Choir  
Mark Sumner, director of music  
Wm. García Ganz, pianist

# OFFERTORY UPDATE!

Last week we took the offering for the **Starr King School for the Ministry**.  
We raised a total of \$1031.85.



You can choose and return your **Easter Bonnet** at the Easter Bonnet Library located in the gallery. If you are under age 19 (or attending with someone who is), you're invited to our annual **Easter egg hunt** at 11am in the Religious Education wing!

**Tenderloin Tessie** will be following this service, so there won't be a coffee hour today. The all-volunteer Tenderloin Tessie Holiday Dinners has been feeding the San Francisco neighborhood on Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas for more than 40 years. Over a thousand people attend their dinners at UUSF on holidays.



# 361 Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

$\text{♩} = 112$

1. En - ter, re - joice, and come in.  
 2. O - pen your ears to the song.  
 3. O - pen your hearts ev - 'ry - one.

En - ter, re - joice, and come in.  
 O - pen your ears to the song. To - day will be a  
 O - pen your hearts ev - 'ry - one.

joy - ful day; en - ter, re - joice, and come in.

4. Don't be afraid of some change.  
 Don't be afraid of some change.  
 Today will be a joyful day;  
 enter, rejoice, and come in.

5. Enter, rejoice, and come in.  
 Enter, rejoice, and come in.  
 Today will be a joyful day;  
 enter, rejoice, and come in.

Words & music: Louise Ruspini

⊕ Arr. by Betty A. Wylder, 1923- , © 1992 Unitarian Universalist Association

REJOICE  
 7.7.8.7.

ENTRANCE SONGS

# 61 *Lo, the Earth Awakes Again*

$\text{♩} = 126$



1. Lo, the earth a - wakes a - gain —  
 2. Once a - gain the word comes true, Al - le -  
 3. Change, then, mourn - ing in - to praise,

lu - ia! from the win - ter's bond and pain.  
 All the earth shall be made new.  
 And, for dirg - es, an - thems raise.

Al - le - lu - ia! Bring we leaf and  
 Now the dark, cold  
 How our spir - its

flower and spray — to a - dorn this  
 days are o'er, Al - le - lu - ia! Spring and glad - ness  
 soar and sing, How our hearts leap

⊕ Words: Samuel Longfellow, 1819–1892, arr.  
 Music: Lyra Davidica, 1708, version of John Arnold's *Compleat Psalmodist*, 1749

EASTER HYMN  
 7.7.7.7. with Alleluias

## TODAY!

### **Young Adults Lunch Outing - Sunday, April 20 12:30 pm, Meet in the Gallery**

Join UUSF young adults for a lunch outing on Sunday, April 20 at 12:30 pm after worship, as we walk to a nearby cafe. All individuals aged 18-39 are welcome, and no registration is required.

### **UUSF Environmental Justice - Sunday, April 20 12:30 pm, Fahs Room**

Join the UUSF Environmental Justice Working Group for monthly meetings on the third Sunday of each month at 12:30 pm in the Fahs Room. Everyone is welcome to share ideas and volunteer for projects, and don't forget to check out the new bulletin board in the gallery.

### **Craft the Theme - Sunday, April 20, 1:00 pm, Art Room**

Join us for an exciting Craft the Theme with guest artist Judy Strachan! This engaging event will take place in the children's art room from 1 pm to 2:30 pm.

## UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

### **Sign up for the All Church Retreat in the Redwoods, taking place from May 24 to 26**

The All Church Retreat will take place from May 24-26 at the CYO Retreat Center in Sonoma County, featuring activities such as campfire songs, workshops, and games, along with comfortable accommodations and recreational facilities. Registration is open until May 15, with fees between \$175 and \$250 and scholarships available; for more information and to register, visit <https://t.ly/uusfretreat> or scan the QR code.



### **Poetry in Full Bloom - Saturday, April 26, 2:00 pm, Fireside Room**

Join Kathleen McClung and six poets from her master class for a poetry reading on April 26, from 2-4 pm at UUSF's Fireside Room, where attendees can share their own poems or enjoy listening. The featured poets include Abby Caplin, Cecile Earle, Roberta Greifer, Elise Kazanjian, Sharon Pretti, and Christy Shepard, with light refreshments provided. Kathleen McClung, a published poet and educator, is also a finalist for the 2024 San Francisco Poet Laureate.

### **Restore the Delta with Morgen Snyder & MacKenzie Owens - Sunday Forum, April 27, 9:30 am, TSK/Zoom** A light breakfast will be available beginning at 9:00 am - More info at <https://www.uusf.org/forum>

Restore the Delta (RTD) is a grassroots campaign dedicated to preserving the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and addressing water management issues, particularly concerning the Delta Conveyance Project. Key figures Morgen Snyder and MacKenzie Owens lead initiatives that promote a healthy estuary and engage youth in water advocacy and workforce development.

### **Join Our New UU Class - Sunday, April 27, 1:00 pm, Fireside Room**

The New UU class, led by Rev. Laura Shennum and Emma Wakeling, provides an interactive introduction to Unitarian Universalism, including its history, mission, and membership process. This class is open to everyone, regardless of their interest in membership, and is a step toward becoming a member at UUSF. The next session will take place on Sunday, April 27 at 1 pm, with snacks and childcare available; registration is encouraged. Register by going to <https://uusf.org/are#new-uu>.



### **Starr King Way Performance Series (SKWPS) Presents A Soulful Afternoon of Jazz and R&B on May 4**

Rita Lackey is a talented songstress known for her unique blend of jazz, R&B, and original compositions, captivating audiences with her vocal and piano style. She will be performing on May 4th at 1:30 pm in the Sanctuary, coinciding with the release of her new CD, A Shot of Soul, alongside her back-up band. In addition to her performances, Lackey teaches at the Community Music Center in San Francisco and conducts vocal workshops, showcasing her diverse musical talents. More info at <https://www.uusf.org/skwps>



### **Our New UUSF Podcast: "Pod and Country"**

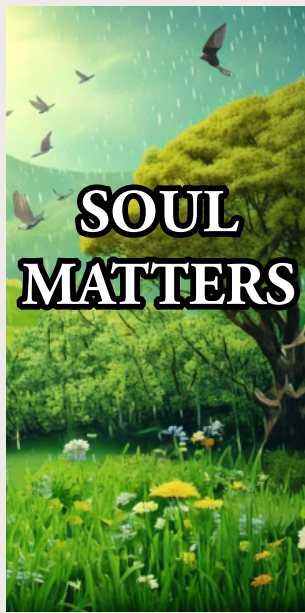
UUSF has launched a new podcast titled "Pod and Country," featuring Rev. Vanessa Southern and members Cal Ball, Michael Bossier and Mari Magaloni Ramos with support from the Hinckley Foundation and others. This magazine-style podcast promotes Unitarian Universalist values through interviews, comedy sketches, music, and poetry, aiming to inspire listeners in the fight against tyranny. The first episode features an interview with Rev. John Buehrens and is available on various podcast platforms, encouraging listeners to engage and share widely. Check it out by going to <https://podandcountry.podbean>.



## PURE JOY, INFECTIOUS

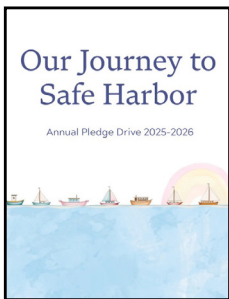
by Robert Lavett Smith

April is often wrongfully maligned  
By accusations claiming cruelty;  
The sun is warm, precipitation kind,  
The *smale fowles maken melodye*.  
Pure joy, infectious, spreads from tree to tree,  
As birds of every feather join the choir,  
Sharing without restraint, quite candidly,  
Their simple songs of satisfied desire.  
New foliage, a green and healing fire,  
Ignites its verdant chalice in our hearts;  
The human spirit rarely rises higher  
Than it does now, as celebration starts.  
Perhaps we're destined for exuberance  
And joy may save us, given half a chance.



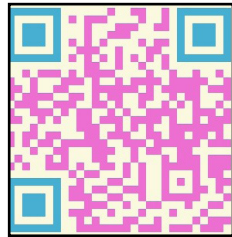
## SOUL MATTERS IN APRIL: JOY

Joy is a funny thing—no pun intended—you can resolve to have more joy in your life (I've done that a few times in the last few years), but that isn't how joy works, by working at it. It is often the thing that happens to you. Sometimes it happens when it is very appropriate, like laughing at a particularly awkward or sad moment. When it does happen, it feels like it adds years to your life, better than vitamins and exercise together. Maybe too, though you cannot make it happen, and working at it almost makes it harder to find, you and I can put ourselves in the way of it. We can pay attention to when we feel it, who we feel it when we are around, what we have to let go of to open up to it—and do more of all of that. Maybe too, these days, like so many days, when the world is falling apart, we can also just give ourselves permission to feel joy. The world isn't more virtuous or more compassionate because we don't feel joy. In fact, joy can be the engine and the fuel to keep us leaning into the storms and engaged in the muck and mud of the world. Maybe laughter is the sound you hear when the world is being knit back together, and joy (along with love, courage, and stubbornness) is what is threaded through all the fraying and hurt places to make it gorgeous and whole again. Maybe. What gives you joy? <https://www.uusf.org/soulmatters>



### UUSF Annual Operating Fund Pledge Drive for 2025-26

If you haven't made your pledge yet, please do so now because every pledge helps. To make your pledge or to learn more about the 2025-26 pledge drive go to <https://www.uusf.org/pledge> or scan the QR code also see the bulletin board with the harbor motif to find a form if you need one and fill it out. If you have pledged (or when you do), you will find origami boats waiting for you to put your name on them and add them to the flotilla!



## 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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## 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.

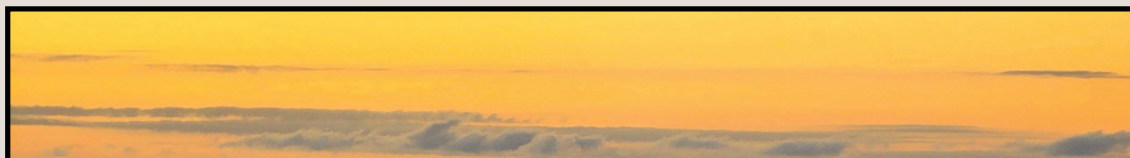
We welcome the newcomer, we commit to building trust with each other, we celebrate differences and make space for repair when harm occurs.

## UUSF MEDIA

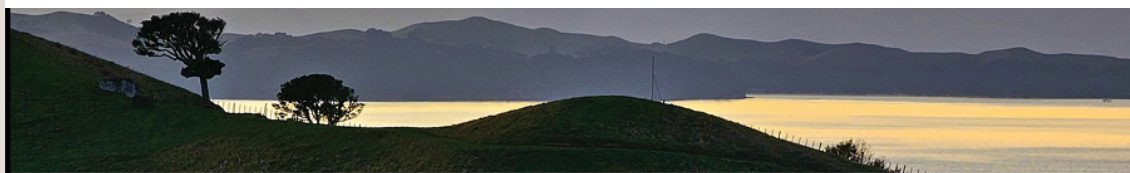
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Check out our Podcasts <https://www.uusf.org/worship-archives>

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