



"Celebrate! Our Annual Flower Communion Sunday"

Sunday, June 8, 2025, 10:50 am

First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco



Order of Service
Sunday June 8, 2025
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.

Prelude *Music for Communion, OP. 130* Flor Peeters

Introit - Communion - Alleluia - For the Beauty of the Earth

Reiko Oda Lane, organist

Opening Words and Welcome

Rev. Laura Shennum

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.

Reading and Gathering in of Flowers “All of Us Are Beautiful” by Thomas Rhodes

Carmen Barsody

*Hymn 21

For the Beauty of the Earth

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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.

Greeting One Another

Game for All Ages

Rev. Laura Shennum

*Quodlibet

UUSF Choir; arranged and directed by Mark Sumner; Wm. García Ganz, pianist; Reiko Oda Lane, organist

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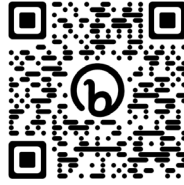
Reflection

Carmen Barsody

Offering

We are proud to announce the **Defend Our Rights Fund**. The Fund was started this year with an anonymous gift of \$20,000 by a member of UUSF along with a grant of \$30,000 from the William and Alice Hinckley Fund to provide resources for the legal defense and support of those whose basic rights might be under attack in the upcoming years. Defense and support of members of UUSF will be given priority but it will also be available to community members in our neighborhood and neighboring communities. For more information, email UUSF's Moderator, **Galen Workman** at Moderator@uusf.org or one of your ministers. 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, **06-08-25**.



Offertory Music *For the Beauty of the Earth*

John Rutter

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

Looking back in words and pictures

Revs. Southern and Shennum

Music *Flower of Beauty*

John Clements

UUSF Choir; Mark Sumner, director

Flower Communion

Meditation

Rev. Laura Shennum

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

Closing Words

*Hymn 305

De Colores

Words: David Arkin; Arr: Betty Wylder

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Brief Invitations

*Benediction & Extinguishing of the Chalice

Postlude *Allegro Maestoso* from “Water Music Suite”

Georg Friedric Handel
Reiko Oda Lane, organist

*Please rise in body or spirit.

PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leaders

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister
Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of Congregational Life
Carmen Barsody, Worship Associate

Sunday Support

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

Musicians

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

Offertory Update

Last week we took the offering for the **George A. Miller Scholars Program** at UC Berkeley.
We raised a total of \$1,440.

ANNUAL MEETING TODAY

Sunday, June 8, 12:30 pm, TSK Room/Zoom

The Annual Meeting of the First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco is set for June 8, 2025, at 12:30 pm, taking place both in the TSK Room and via Zoom (<https://t.ly/20250608AnnualMeeting>). This annual event allows the congregation to express gratitude to volunteers, vote on candidates for the Board of Trustees and Nominating Committee, honor May Treat Morrison, remember deceased members and feature a presentation of the Ann Dillon Award. Additionally, the meeting will recognize Rev. Alyson Jacks as a Minister Emerita. Nominee information and the agenda can be accessed online (<https://www.uusf.org/nominatingcommittee>).

The Annual Report for 2024-25 will also be discussed. Everyone is encouraged to attend, either in person or online.

Quodlibet

1 Come, come, whoever you are, wanderer, worshipper lover of leaving.
Ours is no caravan of despair. Come, yet again, come. (repeat entire twice)

2 Wake, now, my senses----feel the deep power of being in all;
Keep with the web of creation your vow; giving, receiving as love shows us how.
Wake, now, compassion----voices of suffering fill the wide sky;
Take as your neighbor both stranger and friend, praying and striving their hardship to end.

3 Winds be still. Storm clouds pass and silence come.
Peace grace this time with harmony.

1 For each child that's born, a morning star rises and sings to the universe who we are. (repeat line)
We are our grandmothers' prayers and we are our grandfathers' dreamings,
We are the breath of our ancestors, we are the spirit of God.
We are mothers of courage and fathers of time, we are daughters of dust and the sons of great visions,
We're sisters of mercy and brothers of love, we are lovers of life and the builders of nations
We're seekers of truth and keepers of faith, we are makers of peace and the wisdom of ages.

2 Building bridges between our divisions, I reach out to you, will you reach out to me?
With all of our voices and all of our visions, friends, we could make such sweet harmony. (repeat last line twice)

1 People look east. The time is near, of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able; trim the hearth and set the table.
People look east and sing today: Love, the guest, is on the way.
Stars keep the watch when night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.
People look east and sing today: Love, the Star, is on the way.
People look east and sing today: Love, the Rose, is on the way.

2 We are our grandmothers' prayers and we are our grandfathers' dreamings,
We are the breath of our ancestors, we are the spirit of God.
For each child that's born, a morning star rises and sings to the universe who we are. (repeat last line twice)

1 We're gonna sit at the welcome table. We're gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days, Hallelujah!
We're gonna sit at the welcome table. Gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days.
All kinds of people around that table. All kinds of people around that table one of these days, Hallelujah!
All kinds of people around that table. Gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days.
No fancy style at the welcome table. No fancy style at the welcome table one of these days, Hallelujah!
No fancy style at the welcome table. Gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days.
All of our hymns sung around that table. All of our hymns sung around that table THIS IS THE DAY, HALLELUJAH!
All of our hymns sung around that table. Gonna SING at the welcome table THIS IS THE DAY!

2 Do you hear oh my friend, in the place where you stand, through the sky, through the land, do you hear, do you hear?
In the heights on the plain, in the vale, on the main, in the sun, in the rain, do you hear, do you hear?
Through the roar, through the rush, through the throng, through the crush, do you hear in the hush of your soul, of your soul?
Hear the cry, fear won't still, hear the heart's call to will, hear a sigh's startling trill in your soul, in your soul?
From the place where you stand to the outermost strand, do you hear, oh my friend do you hear, do you hear?
All the dreams, all the dares, all the sighs, all the prayers. They are yours, mine, and theirs did you hear? DID YOU HEAR?

3 Enter, rejoice, and come in. Enter, rejoice, and come in. Today will be a joyful day. Enter, rejoice, and come in. (repeat enter once)

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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P R A I S E A N D T R A N S C E N D E N C E

De Colores

305

$\text{♩} = 60$

1. All the col-ors, yes, the col - ors we see in the
 2. All the col-ors, yes, the col - ors of peo - ple pa-
 3. All the col-ors, yes, the black and the white and the
 1. *De* col - or - es, *de* col - or - es *se vis - ten los*

spring-time with all of its flow-ers. All the
 rad - ing on by with their ban-ners. All the
 red and the brown and the yel - low. All the
cam - pos en la pri - ma - ve - ra. De col-

Words: David Arkin, used by perm. of Hodgin Press

Music: Traditional Spanish folk,

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

DE COLORES

Irregular with refrain

col - ors, when the sun - light shines out through a
 col - ors, yes, the col - ors of pen - nants and
 col - ors, all the col - ors of peo - ple who
 - or - es, de col - or - es son los pa - ja -

rift in the cloud and it show - ers. All the
 stream - ers and plumes and ban - dan - nas. All the
 smile and shake hands and say "Hel - lo!" All the
 ri - tos que vien - en de a fue - ra. De col -

col - ors, as a rain - bow ap - pears when a
 col - ors, yes, the col - ors of peo - ple now
 col - ors, yes, the col - ors of peo - ple who
 or - es, de col - or - es es al ar - co

storm cloud is touched by the sun.
 tak - ing their place in the sun. All the
 know that their free - dom is won. Y por
 ir - is que ve - mos lu - cir.

col - ors a - bound for the whole world a - round and for
 e - so los gran - des a - mo - res de much - os col -

ev - 'ry - one un - der the sun.
 or - es me gus - tan a mi. *Interlude*

TODAY!

It's Fascism! So what do we do about it? - Forum, June 8, 9:30 am, TSK/Zoom

A light breakfast will be available beginning at 9:00 am - More info at <https://www.uusf.org/forum>

Featuring speakers from Refuse Fascism Bay Area, including Mari Magaloni Ramos and Lori Lai, who will discuss the dangers of Trump's MAGA fascism and the upcoming No Kings Mass Protest. The event aims to engage participants in a discussion about the urgent need for mass, non-violent protests to confront and resist the consolidation of fascist rule, emphasizing the importance of Unitarian Universalist values in this struggle. Attendees are encouraged to rise up and take action for the protection of fundamental rights and the future of humanity. Zoom: <https://t.ly/20250608UUForum>

Spread Love: Join Our Card Ministry After Service! - Sunday, June 8, 12:15 pm, Gallery

Plan to stop by the card ministry table after the service and before the annual meeting. You will have a chance to write a card to those in our community who have experienced illness or loss. Be part of this ministry, which means a great deal to community members that are unable to be with us in person. Cards, notes, stickers, and postage are all furnished.

Environmental Justice Working Group Promotes Zero Waste Initiative at Sunday Social Hour

The Environmental Justice Working Group is striving for zero waste during the Sunday after-service social hour, aligning with UU values and the 7th Principle. So far, they've replaced disposable items with stoneware cups, plates, and real utensils; introduced a sugar dispenser; and added oat milk as a dairy-free creamer option. To maintain this initiative, they are seeking volunteers to help wash and store these items weekly, as well as additional help to launder kitchen linens. Interested individuals are encouraged to sign up for one Sunday a month to assist with these efforts. For information or questions, or to join us, email Amanda at acsfca@gmail.com to join the Coffee Cup Crew.

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

No Kings Mass Protest - Saturday, June 14, 11:00 am

Join the UUSF's Women's Rights Group in a nationwide mass mobilization organized by Indivisible SF and 50501SF to support everyone's rights! Wear your yellow (UU) t-shirt. Gather at 11:00 am on the corner of 18th and Church Street in Dolores Park in San Francisco. Look for a sign with the UUSF Women's Rights Group logo. We will join the rally inside the park at 11:20 am and march to Civic Center later. More info at <https://t.ly/Q4rlX>.

The Pagan Interest Circle Full Moon Ritual - Saturday, June 14, 6:45 pm, Chapel

Join the Pagan Interest Circle for a ritual on Saturday, June 14th, 2025, at 6:45 P.M. in the Chapel, as we celebrate the Strawberry Full Moon and prepare for the upcoming Summer Solstice. This gathering will focus on embracing life's sweetness, divination, and a prosperity spell to support our new visions. Please bring yourself, respectful friends, a journal, and finger food or a non-alcoholic beverage to share.

Young Adults Lunch - Sunday, June 15, 12:30 pm, Chapel

Join us for the Young Adults Lunch on Sunday, June 15 at 12:30 pm in the Chapel, where we will order food for delivery to accommodate our growing group. This month, lunch is complimentary from UUSF as a thank you for our community's growth. No registration is needed; just drop in and enjoy!

UUSF Environmental Justice - Sunday, June 15, 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.

Minister's Book Group - Severance by Ling Ma- Wednesday, June 25, 6:30-8:00 pm (Zoom)

When the theme for the month is "Freedom," what is better than a book with a vision of apocalypse, wild and surprising? Ling Ma is a novelist and assistant professor of practice in the arts at the University of Chicago, and she takes us on a wild ride. How does her writing of labor exploitation and bodily autonomy in the workplace inspire us to fight for freedom? Info & to register: <https://uusf.org/are#mbg>

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.

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