

"Lessons from our Fathers"

Sunday, June 15, 2025, 10:50 am

First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco





Order of Service
Sunday June 15, 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	<i>Gymnopedie no. 1</i> <i>Here There and Everywhere</i> <i>The Long and Winding Road</i>	Erik Satie Lennon & McCartney Eric Hamilton, guitarist
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Opening Words and Welcome	Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of Congregational Life
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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 1	<i>May Nothing Evil Cross this Door</i> Akane Ota, songleader; Mark Sumner, pianist	OLDBRIDGE
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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



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

The offering this morning will go to support the work of **Safe and Sound** (<https://safeandsound.org/>). Safe and Sound helps children and families to have the resources they need to be safe, supported, and loving. Helps families reduce at-risk behavior and set new patterns for how to be stronger together in the Bay Area ([Learn more on page 5](#)). 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, **06-15-25**.



Offertory Music Prelude from Cello Suite BWV 1007

J. S. Bach

Eric Hamilton, guitarist

Reflection

Rev. Laura Shennum

Meditation

Daniel Jackoway

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

Mark Sumner

Music Sarabande from Violin Sonata BWV 1002

J. S. Bach

Eric Hamilton, guitarist

Reflection

Rev. Vanessa Southern

*Hymn 23

Bring Many Names

WESTCHASE

Akane Ota, songleader; Mark Sumner, pianist

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Brief Invitations

*Benediction & Extinguishing of the Chalice

Postlude *Capricho Arabe*

Francesco Tarrega

Eric Hamilton, guitarist

*Please rise in body or spirit.

About

Classical guitarist **Eric Hamilton** celebrated his 40th year as a soloist and chamber musician, renowned for his interpretations of Renaissance, Baroque, and contemporary Spanish guitar music. With 15 full-length CDs to his credit, his performances have been described as “sensitive,” “powerful,” and “kaleidoscopic.” A regular guest artist at the First Unitarian Universalists Society of San Francisco since 2004, he has also performed at prestigious venues such as Grace Cathedral and U.C. Berkeley’s Zellerbach Hall. Hamilton’s collaborations include a decade-long partnership with Grammy-winning guitarist Mason Williams, and he has received accolades for his contributions to music education, including a Certificate of Honor from the City of San Francisco. Currently, he teaches at COVAH College/High School in Oakland and offers private lessons to aspiring guitarists throughout the Bay Area and beyond. Learn more about Eric at <https://erichamiltonmusic.com/>

PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leaders

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister
Rev. Laura Shennum, Minister of Congregational Life
Mark Sumner, Worship Associate
Daniel Jackoway, 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
Athena Papadakos, Flowers
Linda Messner, Head Usher

Musicians

Eric Hamilton, classical guitarist
Akane Ota, songleader
Mark Sumner, pianist

Safe and Sound

Safe and Sound, helping children and families to have the resources they need to be safe, supported and loving. More info can be found at <https://safeandsound.org/>.

Here's how we'll get there—together



WORK ACROSS GENERATIONS

Work across generations to empower children, enable parents, and support families



ENSURE ALL FAMILIES HAVE ACCESS

Ensure all families have access to the relationships and resources that can nurture, protect, and heal them



ENGAGE MORE PEOPLE ACROSS COMMUNITIES

Engage more people across communities, systems, and societies to co-create change



USE DATA AND EVIDENCE TO INNOVATE

Use data and evidence to innovate programs and improve outcomes



Offertory Update

Last week we took the offering for Defend Our Rights Fund. We raised a total of \$1,668.70.

May Nothing Evil Cross This Door

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$\text{♩} = 44$

1. May noth - ing e - vil cross this door,
 2. By faith made strong, the raft - ers will
 3. Peace shall walk soft - ly through these rooms,
 4. With laugh - ter drown the rau - cous shout,

and may ill for - tune nev - er
 with - stand the bat - tering of the
 touch - ing our lips with ho - ly
 and, though these shel - tering walls are

pry a - bout these win - dows; may the
 storm. This hearth, though all the world grow
 wine, till ev - 'ry cas - ual cor - ner
 thin, may they be strong to keep hate

roar and rain go by.
 chill, will keep you warm.
 blooms in - to a shrine.
 out and hold love in.

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 Music: Robert N. Quail, b. 1867

OLDBRIDGE
 8.8.8.4.

THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Bring Many Names

$\text{♩} = 80$ *Unison*

1. Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good;
 2. Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day,
 3. Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - 'ry child,
 4. Old, ach - ing God, grey with end - less care,

cel - e - brate in par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li - ness in
 plan - ning all the won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting each e -
 feel - ing all the strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing and for -
 calm - ly pierc - ing e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of new sur -

glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God: hail and ho -
 qua - tion, ge - ni - us at play: hail and ho -
 giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled: hail and ho -
 pris - es, wis - er than des - pair: hail and ho -

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WESTCHASE
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1.-5. 6.

- san - na, bring man - y names.
 - san - na, strong moth - er God!
 - san - na, warm fa - ther God!
 - san - na, old, ach - ing God!

great, liv - ing God!

5. Young, growing God, eager still to know,
 willing to be changed by what you've started,
 quick to be delighted, singing as you go:
 hail and hosanna, young, growing God!
6. Great, living God, never fully known,
 joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,
 closer yet than breathing, everlasting home:
 hail and hosanna, great, living God!



TODAY!

The Wall Between- Forum, June 15, 9:30 am, TSK/Zoom

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

The Wall Between, authored by Raja G. Khouri and Jeffrey J. Wilkinson, provides practical methods for Jews and Palestinians in the Diaspora to engage in more meaningful dialogue. The book explores the historical narratives and psychological barriers that have contributed to the division between these communities. It serves as a guide for those seeking to foster new possibilities in the Israel-Palestine discourse in the West.

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.

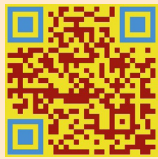
Young Adults Lunch - Sunday, June 15, 12:30 pm, Chapel

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.



Pod and Country - Check it out by going to <https://podandcountry.podbean.com/>

Pod and Country offers a vibrant, magazine-style experience that highlights Unitarian Universalist values of democracy, liberty, and justice through engaging interviews, comedy sketches, music, and poetry. In the **first episode**, we featured Rev. John Buehrens, a former president of the Unitarian Universalist Association, discussing his works on the history of Unitarianism, alongside a comedic sketch and music from Jon Fromer. The **second episode** continued the conversation with Rev. Buehrens and Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, delving into the historical Unitarian response to tyranny, complemented by comedic elements and a song from Baxter Robertson, as well as insights from Rev. Laura Shennum. Join us to uplift your spirit and confront the challenges of our times together. <https://podandcountry.podbean.com/>



Los Cenzontles

Reviving Roots: Los Cenzontles to Showcase Mexican Heritage at SKWPS!

Sunday, June 29, 1:30 pm, Sanctuary

Los Cenzontles is one of our featured Starr King Way Performance Series (SKWPS)—scheduled for Sunday, June 29, at 1:30 pm in the Sanctuary. They began as a youth music group in 1989 by Eugene Rodriguez. Along with his student collaborators from San Pablo and Richmond, California, they have promoted Mexican cultural traditions and cross-cultural connections through their academy, band, and music and video productions. Los Cenzontles has pioneered revivals of Mexican roots music in California, cultivating traditional rhythms to connect generations.

Learn more at <https://uusf.org/skwps#2025>

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

Join the UUSF Food Pantry: Volunteer, Help Families, and Make a Difference! - Saturday, June 21!

Join the UUSF Food Pantry on Saturday, June 21, from 8:15 am to 11:15 am at Old First Presbyterian Church to volunteer and help families in need. Parking vouchers are available, and families with children aged 5 and older are welcome to participate; sign up by going to <https://www.uusf.org/foodpantry>

Drag Church 2025 - Sunday, June 22, at 6 pm - <https://sfnightministry.org/>

This is a place where glitter and grace collide, and the Gospel emerges with a bold presence. We will gather at 18th & Castro and then process to Jane Warner Plaza. Join us for an awesomely inclusive Christian church in the streets, with communion. Come fabulous, come curious, come however you are! All the spiritual rebels are welcome here—especially you, Queen.

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>

Dive into Love: Join Our 'Love At The Center' Discussion Series! - July 9 to August 6

Join Rev. Laura Shennum for "Love At The Center," a discussion series running Wednesdays from July 9 to August 6, from 6:15 pm to 8:15 pm at the UUSF Courtyard. Participants will explore Unitarian Universalist theology through the book "Love At The Center," reading five essays each week. You can email Alicia Cover at acover@uusf.org to have the essays emailed to you. A casual gathering begins at 6:15 pm for dinner, with discussions starting at 6:30 pm; the course is currently in-person only, but an online option may be available based on interest. For questions or to register, contact Rev. Laura Shennum at lshennum@uusf.org or visit the provided registration link at <https://t.ly/loveatthecenter> or scan the QR code.



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)

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.

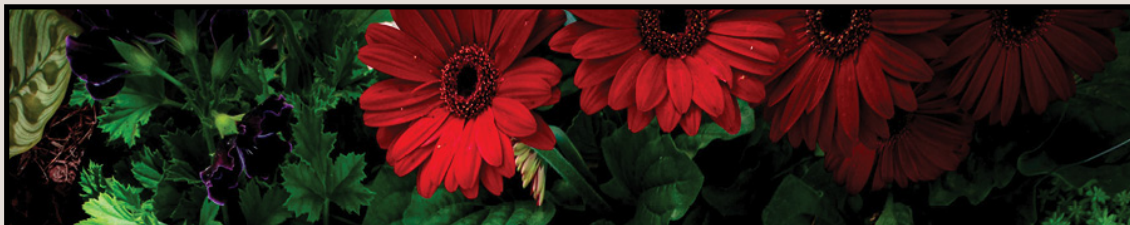
We welcome the newcomer, we commit to building trust with each other, we celebrate differences and make space for repair when harm occurs.

UUSF MEDIA

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

Go to our website at <https://www.uusf.org/>



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"Celebrate! Our Annual
Flower Communion Sunday"
Sunday, June 8, 10:50 am, 2025



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previously recorded
services.