

# **"Poetry in Times of Reverie"**

Sunday, July 27, 2025, 10:50 am

First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco



**Order of Service**  
**Sunday July 27, 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.  
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Prelude      Music of Johann Sebastian Bach  
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, Cantata No. 147  
Bist du bei mir, BWV 508  
Wir glauben all' an einen Gott, BWV 680

Reiko Oda Lane, organist

Opening Words and Welcome

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister

Unison Chalice Lighting

Sam King, 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 112

*Do you Hear?*

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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

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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

8  
ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue.  
ca - da tie - rra, ca - da voz. A - men.

## Introduction

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

## Reflection

Kathleen McClung

## Offering

The offering will be taken to support the work of “The Arc” ([thearc.org](http://thearc.org)). The mission statement is to promote and protect the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and actively support their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes.” Please visit their “Take Action” link (<https://p2a.co/IRPDZ5C>) to find out how to advocate for the preservation of funding for Medicaid and all the supportive services folks who are disabled and their families both need and deserve. 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, **07-27-25**.



Offertory Music     *Summertime*

George Gershwin  
Rami Bar-Niv, pianist

Reading

Sam King

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.*

Music     *Shai*

Rami Bar-Niv  
Rami Bar-Niv, pianist

Readings

\*Hymn 324

*Where My Free Spirit Onward Leads*

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Closing Words

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern

Music     *Sabre Dance*

Aram Khachaturian  
Rami Bar-Niv, pianist

Brief Invitations

Galen Workman, Moderator, Board of Trustees

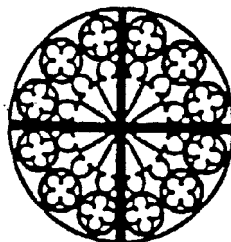
\*Benediction & Extinguishing of the Chalice

Postlude     Toccata in d, Op. 59

Max Reger  
Reiko Oda Lane

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\*Please rise in body or spirit.





## PARTICIPANTS

### **Worship Leaders**

Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister

Sam King, Worship Associate

Kathleen McClung

Galen Workman, Moderator, Board of Trustees

### **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

Rami Bar-Niv, pianist

Mark Sumner, songleader

## About

**Rami Bar-Niv** is a highly acclaimed Israeli pianist known for his extensive international concert career. Born in Tel Aviv and a graduate of the Rubin Academy of Music and Mannes College of Music, he has won numerous awards, including the America-Israel Cultural Foundation Competition. Bar-Niv performs globally across various continents. He made history as the first Israeli artist to perform in Egypt after the Begin/Sadat Peace Treaty and has gained popularity through his recordings, which have received critical acclaim from major publications like The New York Times and The Boston Globe.

## Offertory Update

On July 20 we took the offering for **Side with Love** and we raised a total of \$469.30.

## Do You Hear?

$\text{♩} = 84$  *Unison*

1. Do you hear, oh my friend, in the  
 2. Through the roar, through the rush, through the  
 3. From the place where you stand to the

place where you stand, through the  
 through, out - er - most strand, do you  
 sky, through the land, do you hear, do you hear? In the  
 hear in the hush of your soul, of your soul? Hear the  
 hear, oh my friend, do you hear, do you hear? All the

heights, on the plain, in the vale, on the main, in the  
 cry fear won't still, hear the heart's call to will, hear a  
 dreams, all the dares, all the sighs, all the prayers—they are

Another harmonization, 69

⊕ Words: Emily L. Thorn, 1915- , © 1992 Unitarian Universalist Association  
 Music: William Caldwell's *Union Harmony*, 1837,  
 harmony by Eugene Wilson Hancock, 1929- , © 1984 Eugene Hancock

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COMMITMENT AND ACTION

sun, in the rain, do you hear, do you hear?  
sigh's star- tling trill in your soul, in your soul?  
yours, mine, and theirs— do you hear, do you hear?

The image shows a musical score for a song. It consists of two staves, a treble staff on top and a bass staff on the bottom. Both staves are in the key of D major, indicated by two sharps (F# and C#) on the key signature. The treble staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps. The melody is written in a simple, folk-like style with eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and a key signature of two sharps. The melody is written in a simple, folk-like style with eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: "sun, in the rain, do you hear, do you hear? sigh's star- tling trill in your soul, in your soul? yours, mine, and theirs— do you hear, do you hear?". The lyrics are written in a simple, sans-serif font. The overall style is that of a vintage sheet music print.

# Where My Free Spirit Onward Leads

*♩ - 116*

1. Where my free spir - it on - ward leads, well,  
 2. My fam - i - ly is not con - fined to  
 3. The ev - er spin - ning u - ni - verse, well,

there shall be my way; by my own light il -  
 moth - er, mate, and child; but it in - cludes all  
 there shall be my home; I sing and spin with -

lu - mined I've jour - neyed night and  
 crea - tures be they tame or be they  
 in it as through this life I

day; my age, a time - worn cloak I wear as  
 wild; my fam - i - ly up - on this earth in -  
 roam; e - ter - ni - ty is hard to ken and

⊕ Words: Alicia S. Carpenter, 1930- , © 1989 Alicia S. Carpenter  
 Music: English traditional melody, harmony and arr. by Ralph Vaughan  
 Williams, 1872-1958, used by perm. of Oxford University Press

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HUMANITY: WOMEN AND MEN



once I wore my youth; I cel - e - brate life's  
 - cludes all liv - ing things on land, or in the  
 hard - er still is this: a hu - man life when

mys - ter - y; I cel - e - brate death's truth.  
 o - cean deep, or borne a - loft on wings.  
 tru - ly seen is brief - er than a kiss.

## TODAY!

### **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](mailto:acsfca@gmail.com) to join the Coffee Cup Crew.

### **Art Unveiled: Discover the Emotional Geometry and Ancient Beauty in the Kings Gallery**

Join us after church on Sunday to explore the new artwork by Steve Sweetser and Judith Williams in the King Rooms, featuring Sweetser's mixed media pieces and Williams' encaustic paintings. Don't miss the opportunity to engage with their unique artistic expressions. Additionally, participate in the UUSF Family and Friends Art Show, open to UUSF members, families, and friends. Artists can submit 1-3 ready-to-hang pieces on August 24 from 10-2:00 pm, with an artist reception scheduled for September 7th from 12:15 pm to 3:00 pm.

### **The Flamekeeper Series Summer from 2-4 pm at The Commons, 550 Laguna**

Throughout four sessions in July and August, you will learn from local practitioners whose daily work is steeped in the diverse topics we're exploring in each session. After an exploratory fireside chat followed by Q&A, you'll have a chance to practice hands-on skills of presence and accompaniment with each other through a workshop of guided exercises. Sessions will take place on the following Sundays: July 27, August 10, August 24. Today from 2-4 pm, the topic is "Being Present for a Friend Navigating Conflict." Register and find more information about the series here: [sfcontemplarium.org/fkseries](http://sfcontemplarium.org/fkseries)

## UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

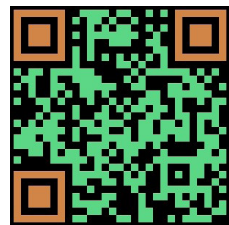
### **Summer DRUUMM Retreat Seeks Attendees and Homestay Offers - August 1-3, San Francisco**

This summer, Diverse & Revolutionary Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Ministries of California (DRUUMM CA) invites Black, Indigenous, and People of Color Unitarian Universalists from across California to gather for a powerful weekend of connection and collective care. DRUUMM is seeking members of Bay Area congregations who are willing to open their homes and hearts to host a DRUUMM traveler. Offering housing for one or more nights or providing transportation is a meaningful way to support this gathering and practice radical hospitality. Whether you have a spare bed or can offer a ride to church, your generosity will help make this gathering more accessible and grounded in community care. To support the retreat, please email Rev. Kevin Mann at [revkev@druumm.org](mailto:revkev@druumm.org).

### **Honoring Voting Rights—Working for Democracy - Sunday, August 3, 12:30 pm, TSK Room**

We'd love to know if you'll be joining us for lunch! Please RSVP by clicking the link: <https://t.ly/AUG3-RSVP>. You can also conveniently register by scanning the QR code.

Plan to join us after the church service for a program featuring food, music, history, and the launch of our new writing-to-voters project partnering with Reclaim Our Vote. Youth middle school and above are invited to participate. Reclaim Our Vote's mission is outreach and support to voters in communities of color, primarily in the rural South. The focus will be on Virginia state elections, as many major offices will be on the ballot this fall. Messages are prepared by locals familiar with the culture and concerns of each specific community. Our task is to transcribe their words onto colorful, handwritten postcards.



### **New to this community? New to Unitarian Universalism? - Sunday, August 3, 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!

# UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

## **Tribute to the Voting Rights Act: Documentary Screening & Discussion - Wednesday, Aug. 6, 7:00 pm, Fireside Room**

On August 6, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act. Please join the Sunday Forum and the Human Rights Working Group in partnership with the African American Center of the SF Main Library to pay tribute to this landmark law. The program includes the documentary "Whose Vote Counts?" along with commentary on current efforts to combat voter suppression and ways you may take action.

## **New UU Class: Welcome Home - Sunday, August 10, 1:00 pm, Fireside Room**

New UU is an interactive class led by Rev. Laura Shennum and Emma Wakeling, designed to deepen understanding of Unitarian Universalism and the UUSF community. The class covers UU history, the congregation's mission, the membership process, and ways to engage with the community, and is open to all, regardless of membership interest. The next session will be held on Sunday, August 10 at 1 PM at UUSF, with snacks and childcare provided; registration is encouraged (<https://uusf.org/are#new-uu>), and questions can be directed to Emma Wakeling at [ewakeling@uusf.org](mailto:ewakeling@uusf.org).

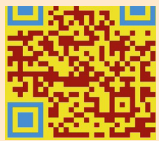
## **Minister's Book Group - James by Percival Everett - Wednesday, August 20, 6:30-8:00 pm (Zoom)**

Everett is a distinguished professor of English at the University of Southern California. In James he takes the story of The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, the classic tale by Mark Twain, and flips it, putting the runaway slave, Jim (James), at the center. Lionel Trilling called The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, "one of the world's great books and one of the central documents of American culture." Everett is not just playing with a classic; he is upending a national narrative. And does so, apparently, with incredible skill and power.



**Pod and Country Episode 4 is out now!** - Check it out by going to <https://podandcountry.podbean.com/>

In this episode we continue in the best tradition of Unitarian Universalism to take it to the streets. We speak with Bill Ong Hing, a leading voice in the struggle to ensure that immigrants are treated with dignity and fairness under the law that serves all of us regardless of our immigration status. Bill is a law professor and Associate Dean at the University of San Francisco and is the founding director of the Immigration and Deportation Defense Clinic. We also have a delightful conversation with the Rev. Stacy Craig who serves as the minister to both the Chequamegon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Wisconsin and the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Chico in northern California. As with every episode, we offer a bit of comedy (hard to do in these times!), poetry and music. Come on in! Questions? Email us at [podandcountry@uusf.org](mailto:podandcountry@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.

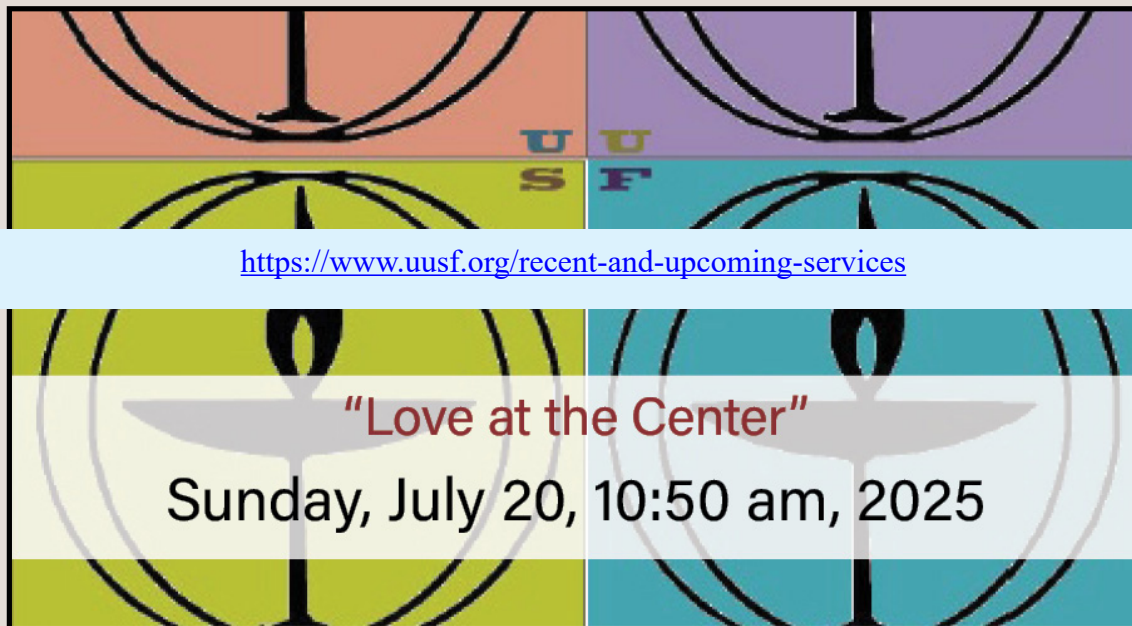
We welcome the newcomer, we commit to building trust with each other, we celebrate differences and make space for repair when harm occurs.

## UUSF MEDIA

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

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