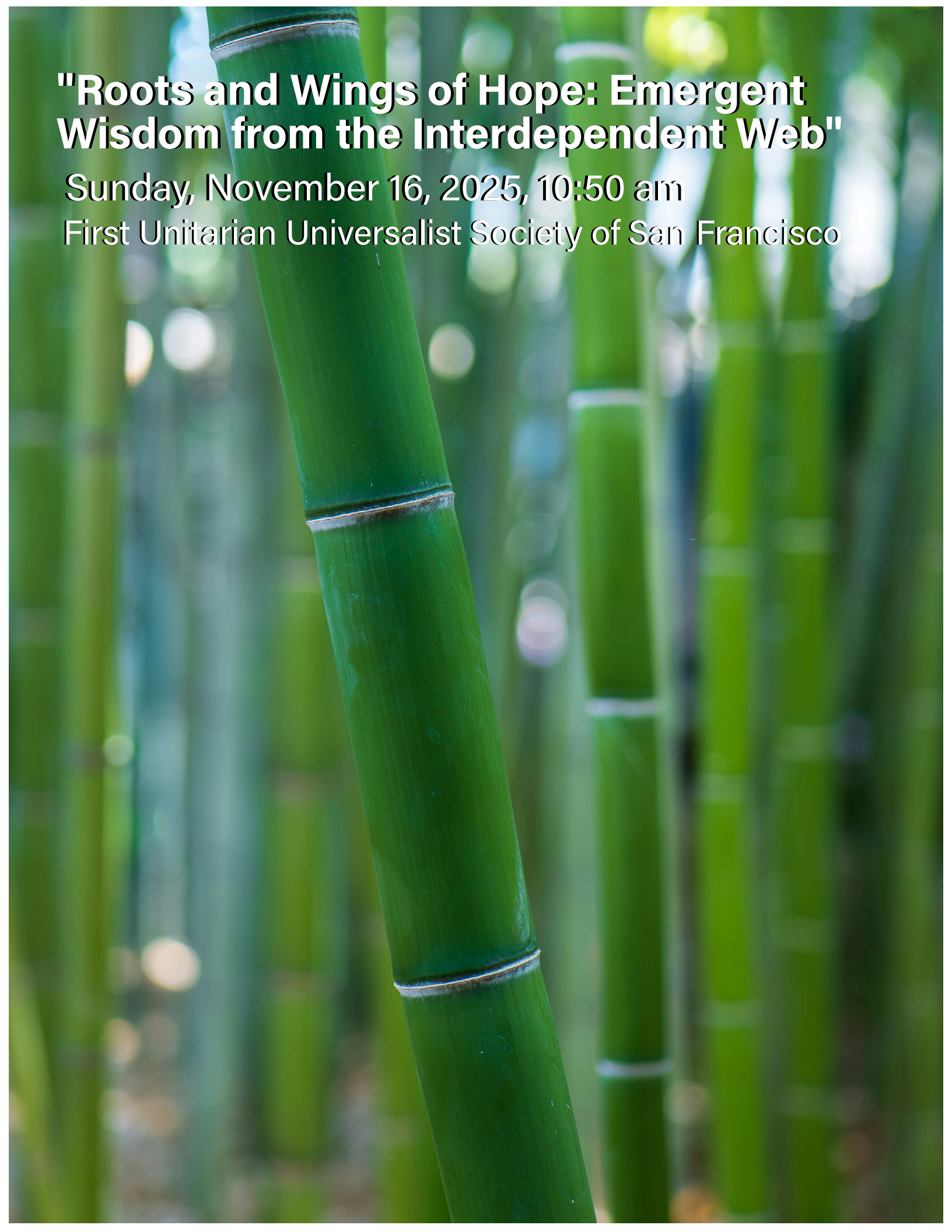
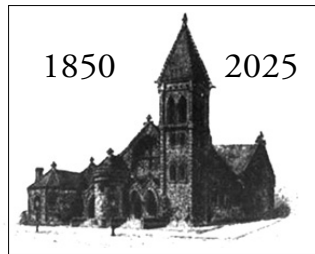




"Roots and Wings of Hope: Emergent Wisdom from the Interdependent Web"

Sunday, November 16, 2025, 10:50 am

First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco



Order of Service
Sunday November 16, 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/newcomersguideuusf>)

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.

Please return items before you leave the sanctuary.

Prelude	<i>Simple Gifts</i> <i>All People That on Earth Do Dwell</i>	Shaker Hymn Tune / James Southbridge Old 100th Psalm Tune / Mark Thewes Reiko Oda Lane, organist
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Opening Words and Welcome	Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister
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Land Acknowledgement & Opening Words	Rev. Kevin Alan Mann
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For more information about the Shuumi Land Tax and Segorea Te' Land Trust, see sogoreate-landtrust.org.

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.

Call to Worship	2025 In-Gathering from Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt, UUA President
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Verse Two:

'Tis the gift to be loved and that love to return, 'tis the gift to be taught and a richer gift to learn,
And when we expect of others what we try to live each day, then we'll all live together and learn to say:

"When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed.
To turn, turn will be our delight, 'til by turning, turning we come round right."

[\(CLICK HERE OR TURN TO PAGES 6-7 TO VIEW HYMN\)](#)

Greeting One Another

Lori Lai, Worship Associate

Bell Anthem *The Gift of Grace*

Setting by Arnold Sherman
UUSF Handbell Choir, Reiko Oda Lane, Director

Responsive Reading #540 "The Peace of Autumn" by Rabindranath Tagore Lori Lai

Responsive Reading #550 "We Belong To the Earth," Attributed to Chief Seattle

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*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

Lori Lai

Blessing for the Pilgrimage to the UU Church of the Philippines

Rev. Mann & Lori Lai

Offering

Lori Lai

This morning's offering will support the **UU Church of the Philippines (UUCP)** congregations affected by Typhoon Tino, addressing the urgent need for compassionate care in the wake of this disaster. The money we raise will repair damaged church buildings that serve as vital community hubs for worship, education, and shelter. Your generous contributions will provide immediate relief and help restore regular worship activities for our UU siblings facing significant challenges. In honor of our core values of love, interdependence, and justice join us in supporting those in need. To make a donation on Vanco (bit.ly/uusfpayments), using the Donate Button on our website, or by scanning the QR code below, please select the line for Special Sunday Offerings. 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, 11-16-25.



Anthem

UUSF Choir, Mark Sumner, director

Meditation

Rev. Kevin Mann

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 to this loss.

In Music Hymn 123 Spirit of Life

Carolyn McDade & Lewis-McLaren

"Spirit of Life, come unto me. Sing in my heart, all the stirrings of compassion. Blow in the wind, rise in the sea; Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice. Roots hold me close; wings set me free; Spirit of life, come to me, come to me"

"Fuente de Amor, ven hacia mí. Y al corazón, cántale tu compasión. Sopla al volar, sube en la mar; Hasta moldear la justicia de la vida. Arráigame, libérame, Fuente de Amor, ven a mí, ven a mí".

Sermon

"Roots and Wings of Hope:
Emergent Wisdom from the Interdependent Web"

Rev. Kevin Mann

*Hymn 1064

Blue Boat Home

Peter Mayer and Roland Prichard

([CLICK HERE OR TURN TO PAGES 9-12 TO VIEW HYMN](#))

Brief Invitations

Julia Wald, Trustee

*Benediction & Extinguishing of the Chalice

Rev. Kevin Mann

Postlude Theme and Toccata on the The 100th Psalm Tune

Mark Thewes
Reiko Oda Lane, organist

*Please rise in body or spirit.

PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leaders

Rev. Kevin Alan Mann, Guest Preacher
Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, Senior Minister
Lori Lai, Worship Associate
Julia Wald, Trustee

Sunday Support

Eric Shackelford; Shulee Ong; Alicia Cover, Eli Boshears, Camera Operators
Jonathan Silk, Communications Director
Jose Matias Pineda; Francisco Castellanos, Sextons
Athena Papadakos, Flowers
Linda Messner, Head Usher

Musicians

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

About

Rev. Kevin Alan Mann. REV KEV (he/him/siyá) was ordained by the First Unitarian Church of Oakland on October 1st, 2023, the first day of both Filipino American and LGBTQ History Months. He serves as a Chaplain at Sequoia Hospice, a consultant for a partnership with the UU Church of the Philippines, and the founder of the California statewide chapter of DRUUMM (Diverse & Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries). His ministry is rooted in Collective Liberation where none of us are free until all of us are free.

Offertory Update

On November 9, we collected \$880.00 for The Physicians Organizing Committee (POC).
The POC was established in San Francisco in 1982.

16 'Tis a Gift to Be Simple

♩ = 104 Unison

'Tis a gift to be sim - ple, 'tis a gift to be free, 'tis a

gift to come down where we ought to be, and

when we find our-selves in the place just right, 'twill be in the val-ley of

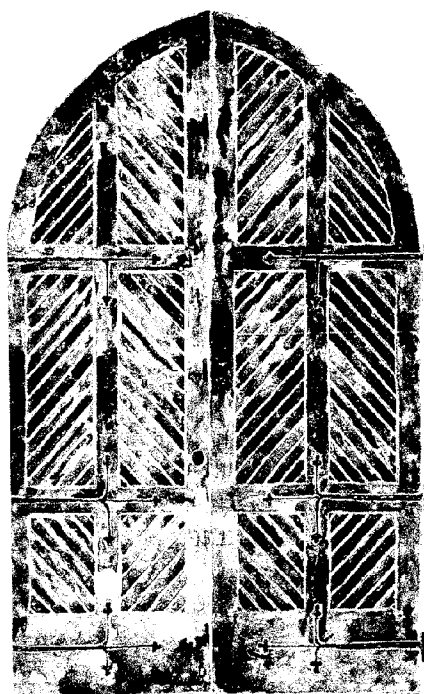
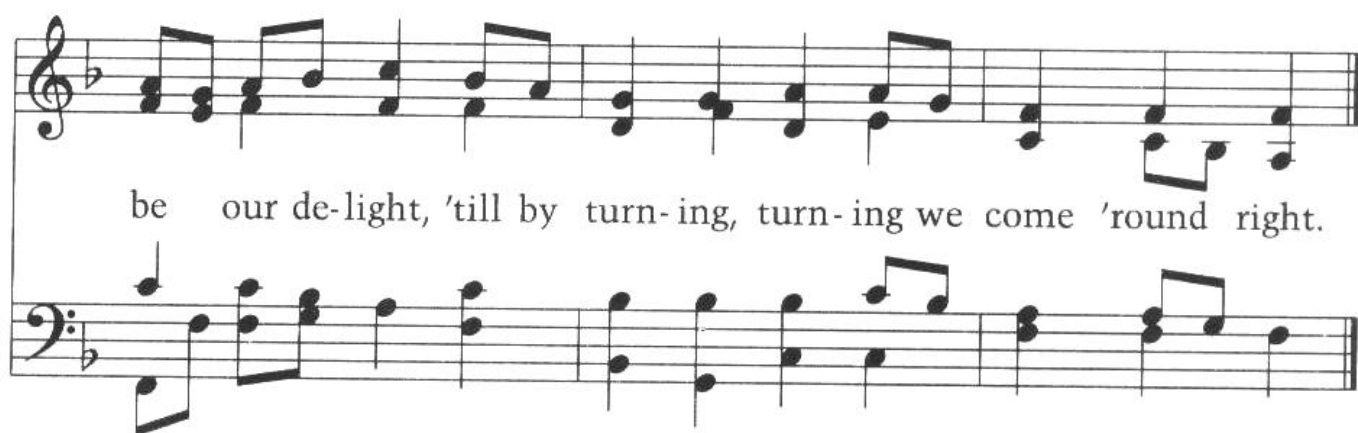
love and de-light. When true sim-plic-i-ty is gained, to

bow and to bend we shan't be a-shamed. To turn, turn will

Words: Joseph Bracket, 18th cent.
Music: American Shaker tune

SIMPLE GIFTS
Irregular with refrain

THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE



540

THE PEACE OF AUTUMN

Today the peace of autumn pervades the world.

In the radiant noon, silent and motionless, the wide stillness rests like a tired bird

Spreading over the deserted fields to all horizons its wings of golden green.

Today the thin thread of the river flows without song, leaving no mark on its sandy banks.

The many distant villages bask in the sun with eyes closed in idle and languid slumber.

In the stillness I hear in every blade of grass,

In every speck of dust, in every part of my own body, in the visible and invisible worlds,

In the planets, the sun, and the stars, the joyous dance of the atoms through endless time.

RABINDRANATH TAGORE

550

WE BELONG TO THE EARTH

This we know. The earth does not belong to us; we belong to the earth.

This we know. All things are connected like the blood which unites one family.

All things are connected.

Whatever befalls the earth befalls the sons and daughters of the earth.

We did not weave the web of life;
We are merely a strand in it.

Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves.

ATTRIBUTED TO
CHIEF NOAH SEALTH

1064

Blue Boat Home

Fluid, legato ♩ = 140

E A/E

The piano introduction consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff features a continuous eighth-note accompaniment pattern. The bass staff features a walking bass line with eighth notes and occasional chords. The first system ends with a 'simile' marking. Chords E and A/E are indicated above the first two measures of each system.

E A/E

The piano introduction continues with a second system of music, maintaining the same treble and bass staff patterns as the first system. Chords E and A/E are indicated above the first two measures.

E A/E

The vocal melody is written on a single treble staff, with three verses of lyrics underneath. The piano accompaniment continues on the treble and bass staves. Chords E and A/E are indicated above the first two measures of the piano part.

1. Though be - low me, I feel no mo - tion
 2. Sun my sail — and moon my rud - der
 3. I give thanks to the waves up - hold - ing me,

⊕ Words: Peter Mayer, 1963 - , © 2002 Peter Mayer

Music: Roland Hugh Prichard, 1811 - 1887, adapted by Peter Mayer, 1963 - ,

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⊕ keyboard arr. Jason Shelton, 1972 -

HYFRODOL, 8.7.8.7.D

Blue Boat Home - 2

E A/E

stan- ding on these moun- tains and plains.
as I ply the star - ry sea,
hail the great winds urg - ing me on,

E A/E

Far a - way from the rol - ling o - cean
lean - ing o - ver the edge in won - der,
greet the in - fi - nite sea be - fore me,

E A/E E

still my dry land heart can say:
cast - ing ques - tions in - to the deep.
sing the sky my sai - lor's song;

G#

Blue Boat Home - 2

E A/E

stan- ding on these moun- tains and plains.
as I ply the star - ry sea,
hail the great winds urg - ing me on,

E A/E

Far a - way from the rol - ling o - cean
lean - ing o - ver the edge in won - der,
greet the in - fi - nite sea be - fore me,

E A/E E

still my dry land heart can say:
cast - ing ques - tions in - to the deep.
sing the sky my sai - lor's song:

Blue Boat Home - 4

E/G# A(add9) Bsus4 B(add11) 1, 2 E

and the earth_ is my_ blue boat home.____
in our beau - ti-ful_ blue boat home.____
and the earth_ is my_ blue boat

A/E 3 E

home.____

A/E E A/E E

rit.

Events, Meetings & Volunteer Opportunities (www.uusf.org/news)

TODAY

Sunday Forum (www.uusf.org/forum) with Tim Redmond: Where Does San Francisco Stand? - Join us on **Sunday, November 16 at 9:30 am** for a discussion with Tim Redmond on the impact of recent election results on San Francisco's housing crisis and law enforcement. Gain insights from Redmond's extensive experience in local journalism and learn how citizens can contribute to shaping the future of our city.

Join us on **Sunday, November 16 from 12:30-2:00 pm in the TSK Room** for a reading and celebration of Kathleen McClung's new poetry collection, "Climbing the Fire Escape, Flipping the Raft," featuring a dialogue with Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern. The event will include book sales and signing, with copies available for purchase in advance.

Join the UUSF young adults for a potluck lunch on **Sunday, November 16, at 12:30 pm in the Chapel**. Bring a dish to share, and if it needs refrigeration, ask for assistance to store it in the kitchen fridge.

Join a book discussion on "Social Change Now: A Guide for Reflection and Connection" by Deepa Iyer, facilitated by Mark Caswell, on **Sunday, November 16 and 23 at 12:30 pm**. Participants will delve into Iyer's Ecosystem model and its relevance to Unitarian Universalist values and social change efforts within the community. Register at <https://t.ly/flUtJ>

UUSF's Holiday Faire Planning Meeting is at **12:30 pm today (November 16)**. On December 7, imagine celebrating Diwali, Hanukkah, Christmas, Yule, and Kwanzaa all in one fabulous celebration. If you would like to take part in planning our Festival of Lights or would like to bring another winter light tradition into the fold, please come to our meeting in the Stebbins Room at 12:30 pm this Sunday, November 16. All are welcome, and light refreshments will be served. Up On Top is continuing to collect reusable containers for their annual cookie sale on December 7. They can be given to Luanne Schulte after the service today or left in the Up On Top mailbox in the church office. If you wish to bake or package cookies, please email Luanne at Luanne215@yahoo.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The November Minister's Book Group led by Rev. Southern will discuss "Better Living Through Birding: Notes from a Black Man in the Natural World" by Christian Cooper on **Wednesday, November 19 from 6:30-8 PM via Zoom**. In his memoir, Cooper shares his experiences as a Black man in the natural world, detailing his passion for birding and how it has positively influenced his life. Learn more at <https://www.uusf.org/are>

Volunteer with the UUSF Food Pantry on **Saturday, November 22, from 8:15 am to 11:15 am** at Old First Presbyterian Church to support families in need. Parking vouchers are available, and families with children aged 5 and older are encouraged to join; sign up at <https://www.uusf.org/foodpantry>.

Make a Difference: Volunteer at the UUSF Food Pantry! Join us on **Saturday, November 22, from 8:15 AM to 11:15 AM** at Old First Presbyterian Church to help support families in need through the UUSF Food Pantry. Families with children aged 5 and older are encouraged to participate, and parking vouchers will be provided. To sign up, visit <https://www.uusf.org/foodpantry>. For more details, contact coordinator Hanna Hart at info@uusf.org with "Food Pantry" in the subject line.

Join us on **Saturday, November 22 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm** at the UUSF King's Gallery to celebrate Ken Keep with the "Quilted Tapestries" exhibit by master quilter Sue Fox. The exhibit showcases artworks inspired by Ken's impressive collection of over 2,400 neckties, including themed banners called "Dancing Neckties," with all sales benefiting the Keep Kindness Fund. Don't miss the chance to meet Sue Fox as she demonstrates her quilting techniques and shares stories about her work during this special event.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Join the UUSC Guest at Your Table program **starting November 23**, where Unitarian Universalists can place donation boxes at family gatherings to support the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's efforts in promoting human rights and social justice. Participants will learn about inspiring grassroots partners while contributing to this vital cause, with donations collected during the service on January 11th and online contributions welcomed anytime.

The New UU class, "Welcome Home," will be held on **Sunday, November 23, at 1 PM in the Fireside Room**, providing an interactive introduction to Unitarian Universalism and the UUSF community. Led by Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern and Emma Wakeling, the class is open to everyone, regardless of interest in membership. Register at <https://uusf.org/membership#newuu>

The 20s & 30s Spiritual Discussion Group is hosting a session on **November 25 from 7:00-8:30 PM** on Zoom, focusing on the theme 'Cultivating Compassion.' Open to individuals aged 18-39, this discussion will incorporate various sources to enhance spiritual reflection and connection among participants. Register at <https://t.ly/HVeSk>

Join us for the UUSC Luncheon on **Sunday, November 30, at 12:30 pm in the TSK Room**, featuring Reverend Vanessa Rush Southern and Rohit Menezes, who will share insights from their recent trip to Eastern Europe to support refugees. This event offers a chance to learn about UUSC's efforts in aiding underserved populations and the challenges faced by liberal nonprofit organizations. Enjoy a meal while discovering the impactful work of UUSC, with donations encouraged to help offset costs.

New to this community? New to Unitarian Universalism? - Sunday, December 7, 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

The Elder Wisdom Group meets on the second **Wednesday of each month from 12pm to 2pm**, with the next meeting scheduled for **December 10**, where senior citizens can discuss important topics over a light lunch.

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.

CHILDREN/YOUTH: All ages are welcome in the Sanctuary for service. Children/youth and their parents/guardians are invited to sit together in the first few rows of pews. Most Sundays, we also offer a variety of age-specific programming; turn to the back of the Order of Service for today's offerings.

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. To read our new dog policy (as of July 2025), visit <https://bit.ly/uudogpolicy>.

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!

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.

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/>

Watch Previous and Upcoming Services:

<https://bit.ly/UUSFServices>



Scan the QR code to visit our UUSF Media YouTube channel and view upcoming and previously recorded services.

Today's Sunday School Plans

<https://bit.ly/UUSFServices>

This Sunday (November 16):

- Preschool/Nursery will be in Classroom A from 10:45am to 12:15pm.
- Grades K-5 will start in the Sanctuary at 11am, exit during the Doxology, and then have class in Kincaid until 12:15pm.
- Grades 6-12 will not have class, and are instead encouraged to volunteer in the congregation or attend worship.