

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 25, 2015

Ingathering Music

Ringing of the Church Bell and Call to Worship

Song of Community # 1013 “Open My Heart”

Words of Welcome & Congregational Greetings

At the sounding of the Rin Gong, please enter into Shared Silence.

Prelude *Infinite Sky*, Mary Buckley

Chalice Lighting

* **Song of Praise** (please see lyrics inside cover)

Antiphonal Reading # 598 “Without Hate”

* **Unison Reading of Our Covenant** (please see words inside cover)

* **Doxology** (please see lyrics inside cover)

For All Ages

Congregational Offering *Lady Meng Jiang*, Jiangsu folksong,
arr. Susan Conant

Children & adult leaders go to religious education classes & activities.

Our Community’s Announcements

Pastoral Prayer & Silent Meditation

Responsive Music *Shanti (Peace)*, Buddhist Mantra: May all beings
be well and happy; music by Mark Sirett

Readings

Hymn “I Will Be Gentle With Myself”

Sermon the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates: “Teachings of a Compassionate
Buddha”

Hymn # 1031 “Filled With Loving Kindness”

Unison Closing # 595 “Free From Suffering”

Please be seated for our Postlude and Benediction.

Postlude *May You Walk This Land*, Elat Ophidia Alekner

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Both Services

Musicians: Ruth Cavanaugh, Olivia Flanigan,
Cynthia Spiegel
Social Hour Hosts: "Feel Good in the Present" Group
Counters: Kevin O'Neill, Lynn Steele
LRE Point People: Jodi Brown, Chung Liang

9:30am service

Worship Associate: Doreen Christiani
Greeters: Ben & Jason Sapet
Nursery Caregivers: Kerry Sapet, Euneta Weeks
Grades K-2 Teachers: Carol Myers, Jenna Webster
Grades 3-5 Teachers: Alice Martin, Shawn Thornton

11:15am service

Worship Associate: Gail Tattersfield
Greeters: Mary & Eric Jonke
Nursery Caregivers: Veronica Norris, Euneta Weeks
Grades K-2 Teachers: Jaime Andersen, Sara Robbins
Grades 3-5 Teachers: Jennifer Klein, Lyn Wilder-Dean
Grades 6-8 Teachers: Kate Johnson, Anne Wilson-Dooley
Grades 9-12 Advisors: Nancy Christensen, Mary Jonke,
Elba Karim, Zia Karim, Laura Laughlin,
Andy Montgomery, Bill Pokorny,
Tom Zimmerman

INSIDE STORY: Canvass Day of Service

Our 2015-2016 Canvass Season will kick off on Saturday, February 7 with a Day of Service. We have a full day of volunteer opportunities, followed by a worship service and catered dinner. Sign up at uusg.org/canvass-day-of-service/ or the display in the Common Room. We look forward to celebrating our church by giving back to our community! Details will also be included in this month's Pioneer newsletter.

GETTING INVOLVED

- Want to learn more about being a "For All Ages" presenter? Contact Rev. Lindsay at minister@uusg.org.
- Want to share special music with the congregation? Contact our Music Director, Tracy Rosenkrans, at music@uusg.org.
- Would you like to greet or host? Sign up in the Common Room or at uusg.org/greeting/ or uusg.org/hosting/. Questions? Talk to our Hospitality & Fellowship Team at hospitality@uusg.org.
- Interested in learning more about our religious education program and teaching the next generation of UUs? Contact our Church School Administrator, Michelle Gibson, at LRE@uusg.org.

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Team Leaders

<i>Canvass</i> : George Tattersfield	<i>LRE</i> : Jodi Brown, Jenny Montgomery
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<i>Lay Ministry</i> : Mark Alleman	<i>Worship</i> : Rev. Dr. Lindsay Bates
	<i>WOW Care Ministry</i> : Glenda Peck, George Tattersfield

Music Ministry

Music Director, Tracy Rosenkrans, music@uusg.org
RE Music Director, Sandra Anderson-Cordogan, remusic@uusg.org
Choir Director, Bridget Kancler, choir@uusg.org

GIVING “BEYOND OUR WALLS”

This month, the “Beyond Our Walls” collection will be split between the Humanitarian Service Seniors Project and the Northern Illinois Food Bank.

The goal of the Seniors Project is to provide care packages for 120 indigent seniors living in the area. On February 7 at 10am, during the Day of Service, members and friends of UUSG will assemble the gift bags, including personal care products, in the Common Room. It is the mission of the Humanitarian Service Project to alleviate the pain and suffering of poverty for people living in DuPage and Kane Counties, without distinction of gender, race, creed, or color.

The remainder of the funds will be contributed to the Northern Illinois Food Bank (NIFB), which provides nutritious meals to those in need throughout the northern part of the state. The next Day of Service at NIFB is February 7 at 1pm. Please contact Kevin Beyer at foodbankleader@uusg.org to become part of the UUSG Food Bank Ministry.

In February, the “Beyond Our Walls” collection will support our Bridge Community family. However, on February 22, YRUU will present the service, and money donated will go to their annual Habitat for Humanity trip.

“CHANGE FOR A CHANGE”

The “Change for a Change” jar at the front of the Sanctuary is a year-round project that supports an organization chosen by students in our Religious Education Program.

This church year, contributions to the “Change for a Change” jar will support our Bridge family, Jasmine Cotton and her 4-year-old twin boys, Jahki and Jahleel. Jasmine is earning high grades at DeVry Institute, where she is pursuing a nursing degree. Her active sons are attending day care and preschool. UUSG is partnering in this project with the DuPage Unitarian Universalist Church.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

The Women’s Retreat Planning Group will meet today at 12:30pm in the Alcott Room. **All UUSG women are welcome**, whether you have attended previously or not. We will be reviewing this year’s retreat as well as setting up group(s) for next year. Please join us!

This afternoon at 1pm in the Common Room, church member Beverly Coe, who has over thirty years doing **couples counseling**, will present a talk on her experience, the advantages of marriage, and some tips on making your marriage stronger.

Choir rehearsals for the February 15 performance begin today and continue on February 1 & 8. If you'd like to add your voice to the mix, join them in the Sanctuary after the 2nd worship service.

Ignore the winter weather and welcome the New Year with the **Luncheonettes**. All women, UUSG members and friends, (especially those at or near retirement age) are welcome to enjoy lunch and “community building” on January 28, 11:30am-1pm at Andres Restaurant (located at 5 Webster in Batavia). Please RSVP by Tuesday, January 27 at uusg.org/luncheonettes or with an email to Rhonda Robinson at luncheonettes@uusg.org.

Our next Celebrations of **Naming & Dedication** for our UUSG-connected little ones will be during the services on March 22. We can include 2 more families at each service, so if you’d like to be involved, please let Rev. Lindsay (minister@uusg.org) know as soon as possible.

Today’s Social Hour is hosted by our **“Feel Good in The Present”** group, a meditation and discussion group that has you feeling connected to yourself and the group. No meditation experience is necessary, and their discussions are fun and inspiring! They meet on the 4th Thursday of the month, 7-8:15pm.

New to UUSG? Then join us for our next “**New UUs**” **Orientation** Program, which begins on February 15 and continues for the next two Sundays. Sessions run 12:30-3pm. You’ll have an opportunity to discuss personal journeys, ways to get involved, the history of the church, and what it means to be a member of UUSG. You are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions. A light lunch is included. We are hoping to provide childcare (up to age 6), so please let us know if you need it to attend. Sign up in the Common Room or at www.uusg.org/new-uus.

Interweave is a local group of **LGBTQ members, friends, and allies** who meet once a month to discuss interesting and important issues and events. They will meet at church on February 22 at 12:30pm to make final plans for their annual LGBTQ church service on March 1 and the “Friday Flicks” presentation of the video “Gen Silent” on February 27. Contact Lynn Steele at interweave.leader@uusg.org with questions.

Parents, would you like to receive announcements about opportunities at UUSG beyond Religious Education that are especially designed for your children? Find out about **social justice opportunities for young people**. Know what activities for children are being planned in conjunction with the church picnic, holiday decorating, auction, etc. Learn when childcare will be provided. Team leaders at the church are inviting you to be part of an email list. Sign up at uusg.org/opt-in to be included.

Lending a Hand

It’s almost time to mail our annual canvass “Pledge Packet” of financial info, events, and pledge forms. If you can help with this mailing prep tomorrow, January 26 at 10am, please contact Katie Phillips at office@uusg.org.

TODAY & THIS WEEK AT UUSG

Sunday, January 25

- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 11:30 am Pledge Team Training
- 12:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
- 12:30 pm Facilities Team Meeting
- 12:30 pm Social Justice Team Meeting
- 12:30 pm Women’s Retreat Planning Group
- 1:00 pm Mental Health Ministry Event: Marriage

Monday, January 26

- 9:00 am Pioneer Newsletter Deadline
- 7:00 pm Reiki Share
- 7:30 pm Teacher Mid-Year Meeting

Tuesday, January 27

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm Small Group Ministry
- 7:30 pm Last Tuesday Group Hypnosis

Wednesday, January 28 Senior Minister’s Day Off

- 11:30 am Luncheonettes (off-site)
- 4:00 pm Heritage Team Meeting
- 7:00 pm Music Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group
- 7:30 pm GAS AA

Thursday, January 29 Senior Minister’s Sabbath

Friday, January 30

Congregational Administrator’s Day Off
Church School Administrator’s Day Off

Saturday, January 31

Congregational Administrator’s Day Off
Church School Administrator’s Day Off
UUSG Band Rehearsal

- 1:00 pm

Sunday, February 1

- 8:00 am Music Rehearsal
- 11:15 am Big Ideas Covenant Group
- 12:30 pm Atheism, Humanism, & Life Issues Study Group
- 12:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
- 2:00 pm Ministry on Ministries Meeting

Thank you to our **“Feel Good in the Present”** Group for our Social Hour this morning. We are so grateful to you for sharing treats and coffee so that we have a welcoming place to gather with our UUSG friends. We look forward to Social Hour with our Heritage and Nominating Teams next Sunday. We have Sundays still available in the Spring for you and your family, group, or team to provide Social Hour. Everyone’s effort to keep our Social Hour a dependable part of our Sunday mornings together is much appreciated!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES

A **monk from Blue Lotus** will be speaking to the Junior High Group and YRUU today. We are excited to continue educating the youth about all faiths.

Our **Mid-Year Teacher meeting** is tomorrow, January 26 at 7:30pm. We are looking forward to meeting with all of you.

The **YRUU overnight** will be February 13, starting at 6:30pm. Please complete a permission form and turn it in to a YRUU advisor or to Michelle Gibson. Hope you can join us!

For UUs who simply want to learn more about the Bible as literature, **“Bible Study for UUs”** meets on the third Monday of each month, 7-8:30pm. Their next meeting will be on February 16, and they will be discussing James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, and Jude. The current supplemental reading (in “Understanding the Bible,” by John Buehrens) is pages 179-186. They will be finishing up in March with Revelations. Contact Jim Frazier at biblestudy@uusg.org for more information.

We Need Greeters! Signing up to be a **Sunday greeter** is an easy and important way to help out at UUSG. It requires no preparation; just arrive 15 minutes before the service starts. Lindsay is especially appreciative if you sign up in advance in the Common Room or at uusg.org/greeting.

Our Upcoming **Canvass Day of Service** is scheduled for Saturday, February 7, 2015! This annual event has become such a success that we now need a few more volunteers to help the day run smoothly. Please sign up at www.uusg.org/canvass-dos-helpers or in the Common Room if you can help out with any of these tasks:

- Pick up bags at UUSG in the afternoon or evening of February 7 and store bags at your home until you deliver them. Deliver bags to Humanitarian Service Project in Carol Stream the week of February 9. Bags must be kept inside, and a large vehicle will be helpful.
- BINGO “Point Person” – Saturday, February 7, 2-3:30pm in Geneva. Responsibilities include: emailing the volunteers a few days before the event; greeting volunteers when they arrive; enlisting a senior or volunteer to “call;” passing out prizes; bringing snacks.

NUTS & BOLTS

Giving Statements for calendar year 2014 were mailed in mid-January. If you have any questions about your statement or didn't receive one (and were expecting to), please contact Katie Phillips, at 630-232-2350 or office@uusg.org.

Check the **“Lost & Found”** table in the Common Room for your wayward items. Anything not claimed by February 1 will go to Goodwill.

When you do your shopping at AmazonSmile, **Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to UUSG!** Just visit smile.amazon.com. You need to select “Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva” before you begin shopping for the church to receive donations from eligible purchases. This works with any existing Amazon.com account. Just remember to select items via the Amazon Smile website.

Update on Land Donation The Board and Geneva Universal are making progress on the proposed gift of land. GU will initiate the subdivision of the property and the Environmental Phase 2 analysis. Our Building Task Force team is meeting with the City of Geneva to discuss future UUSG development. The Board plans to make a tentative decision on both the James Street and 3rd Street pieces of the property when the discussions with the City of Geneva and the environmental analysis are completed. Should the environmental report and discussions with the city seem positive, final board approval will follow drafting of documents and legal reviews.

Winter Weather Closing Policy As a regional congregation, with many of our folks traveling a considerable distance to get to Geneva, we do have a policy for winter weather:

- If the wind chill in the greater Chicago area is colder than 40 degrees below zero, or if travel advisories have been issued because of snow or wind, we cancel all church events, including any meetings, office hours, RE classes, and worship.
- If Sunday activities are canceled, we’ll try to get that information onto our website and the Congregational Administrator’s voicemail message (call 630-232-2350, then press 1-0-0 to hear the message).
- During the week, if you're not sure about the severity of the weather, please check with your group’s facilitator.
- When in doubt, please stay home!

Memorial Stones On May 24, we’ll dedicate new **memorial stones** as they’re installed in the Memorial Garden. It’s not too soon to place an order—if you’d like to remember a loved one with a carved stone, please talk to our Congregational Administrator, Katie Phillips.

HVAC Upgrades After six months of reviewing proposals for replacing our HVAC systems, our Facilities Team selected a contractor (Confident Aire of Batavia) and presented a plan for approval by the UUSG Board in November. We now have a new furnace in Pioneer House and a new furnace and air conditioner for the Sanctuary. A zoning system for the 1955 addition (Conant Room, kitchen, washroom, hallway, and north end of the Common Room) ties into the new Sanctuary units. In addition, a heater/fan was installed in the ceiling of the Sanctuary vestibule. Thank you to everyone who contributed their time and energy to this project!

PROMOTING PRACTICAL GOODNESS

“Bee Me Up, Scotty” UUSG is forming a team to compete in this year’s **Trivia Bee** for Literary on March 21, 9am-12pm. All interested persons can contact Jean & Lou Pierce at socialjusticeleader@uusg.org as soon as possible so that the team can be chosen and given time to “warm up” for the event.

UUSG is hosting a sign-up for **Affordable Care Act** coverage on February 14, 11am-4pm (coverage begins March 1). To register, contact Bill Scown (wncscown@comcast.net or 630-360-0905).

GIVING THANKS

This week’s “Promoting Practical Goodness” Award goes to **Martha Tabis**, who made beautiful new valances for the middle meeting room upstairs in Pioneer House.